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Overview

Table 18.1 **Estimate of expenditure**

(United States dollars)

Proposal submitted by the Secretary-General	$94,625,800[a]
Revised appropriation for 2008-2009	$92,415,800

[a] At 2008-2009 rates.

Table 18.2 **Proposed staffing resources**

Posts	*Number*	*Level*
Regular budget		
Proposed for the biennium 2010-2011	440	1 USG, 1 D-2, 13 D-1, 36 P-5, 57 P-4, 50 P-3, 35 P-2/1, 244 LL, 3 NO
Approved for the biennium 2008-2009	440	1 USG, 1 D-2, 13 D-1, 36 P-5, 57 P-4, 50 P-3, 35 P-2/1, 244 LL, 3 NO

Abbreviations: USG, Under-Secretary-General; LL, Local level; NO, National Officer.

18.1 The mandate of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), which is to promote economic and social development in the Asian and Pacific region by fostering cooperation between its members and associate members, is derived from Economic and Social Council resolutions 37 (IV) and 414 (XIII), by which the Commission was established. The mandate of the Commission was subsequently elaborated in various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission itself. In particular, the Commission, in the Shanghai Declaration, contained in its resolution 60/1, emphasized the need for regional cooperation and capacity-building to meet development challenges in an era of globalization and, in the Almaty Declaration: commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, contained in its resolution 63/1, underscored its role as a regional development centre in providing an effective response to the changing needs of the countries in the Asian and Pacific region.

18.2 Asia and the Pacific is a region of diversity and disparity, which presents a mixed picture in terms of progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Based on overall figures, the region is the most dynamic and economically vibrant in the world. Trade and investment, which have grown exponentially, have contributed to lifting more than 300 million people out of extreme poverty. At the current rate of progress, the region is expected to achieve universal primary education by 2015.

18.3 Despite such impressive progress, the region still accounts for over 60 per cent of the world's poor (641 million) and almost 70 per cent of the total number of people (over 1.9 billion) without access to basic sanitation. Over 250,000 women die each year during pregnancy and childbirth, and some 660 million people lack access to clean water. In a region rich in energy resources, 800 million people live without electricity. Environmental sustainability is also becoming an increasingly alarming issue in the region, which is responsible for 34 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions and is home to 7 of the 15 major global emitters of such emissions. Worldwide, 74 per cent of the casualties caused by natural disasters take place in countries in Asia and the Pacific,

and 8 of the 10 countries in the world most frequently hit by natural disasters are located in the region.

18.4 The notable progress made in some social and economic areas masks persistent disparities among countries. Of particular concern are the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and the countries in Central Asia and the Pacific. For example, the least developed countries have among the highest rates of child and maternal mortality in the world and are not making enough progress towards realizing the Millennium Development Goals of reducing poverty and hunger and expanding access to water and sanitation. While trade, transport and infrastructure continue to develop rapidly, in some parts of the region the development of infrastructure remains limited. Much work remains to be done to address the social and environmental impacts of such changes and deficiencies. In addition, further expansion of trade and regional integration is hampered by the multitude of bilateral and subregional trade agreements involving ESCAP member countries.

18.5 The Asian and Pacific region has witnessed rising inequalities over the past 15 years. Income disparities have led, inter alia, to serious social and environmental inequities. An increasing proportion of the poor in the region live in areas in which the environment is under stress. In most countries, the poorest one fifth of the population has a rate of access to sanitation that is less than 35 per cent of that of the richest fifth. The high levels of inequality are diminishing growth prospects and eroding social cohesion in the region.

18.6 Within this regional context, the overall objective of the programme will be to promote inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific, with a particular focus on supporting member States in achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

18.7 Acting in its dual role as a regional arm of the United Nations and as part of the institutional landscape in Asia and the Pacific, the Commission will continue to pursue the key objectives shared by all of the regional commissions, namely, to (a) foster economic integration at the subregional and regional levels; (b) promote the regional implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; and (c) support regional sustainable development by helping to bridge economic, social and environmental gaps among member States and subregions, including through trade and transport. In order to achieve those objectives, all of the regional commissions will continue to generate multilateral dialogue, knowledge-sharing and networking and work together to promote intraregional and interregional cooperation, both among themselves and through collaboration with other relevant organizations.

18.8 The preparation of the strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011 benefited from the outcome of the review of the Commission's conference structure, as mandated by the Commission in its resolutions 58/1, 61/1 and 63/3. The review, which was facilitated by the Working Group on the Conference Structure of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, collected views from the full membership of ESCAP through survey questionnaires and a series of evaluations of past intergovernmental meetings conducted under the ESCAP conference structure. In addition, the review took into account the recommendations of an inspection carried out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (E/ESCAP/64/30) and a series of evaluations of ESCAP, including an external evaluation undertaken in mid-2006, which was submitted to the Commission at its sixty-third session. The recommendations from the review reaffirmed the value of the Commission as an inclusive platform for the countries of the region to exchange views, experiences and information on major policies dealing with economic, social and environmental issues of common interest. The review also pointed to the need for ESCAP to sharpen the focus of its work, to strive for a more balanced approach to addressing the needs of its membership and to enhance cooperation with international and regional organizations, including those within the United Nations system, to

ensure greater synergies and complementarity in its work. The Commission, at its sixty-fourth session held in Bangkok in April 2008, adopted a new conference structure (see resolution 64/1) and endorsed the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 with the aim of promoting a more responsive programme structure to address the emerging needs of the Asian and Pacific region. The strategic framework was subsequently endorsed by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.

18.9 While many subprogrammes of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 reflect continuity in the direction of work already undertaken by ESCAP in the biennium 2008-2009, as a result of the above-mentioned review, a number of areas will receive greater emphasis during the period 2010-2011 in order to reflect the repositioning of the Commission as a leading regional hub for promoting cooperation among member States for the achievement of inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific and in response to the Commission's call for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the external evaluation undertaken by ESCAP in 2006.

18.10 The focus of the objectives and expected results of the eight mutually supportive subprogrammes has been sharpened by the addition of a clear regional dimension in order to demonstrate the value added by the work of ESCAP.

18.11 Poverty reduction and sustainable development will serve as overarching goals and will be integrated into the work of all subprogrammes of ESCAP. In that regard, renewed efforts will be made to mainstream gender concerns across all subprogrammes and to promote gender equality and the concerns of vulnerable groups as central to poverty reduction and inclusive and sustainable development.

18.12 The Commission will strive to become a leading regional authority on policy analysis of macroeconomic, social and environmental fundamentals for inclusive and sustainable development, including by analysing the range of good practices in the region in order to promote regional cooperation and the development of tools and strategic policy options to assist member States in making informed decisions on development challenges. Analysis of trends affecting the region's development and progress in the implementation of global mandates will facilitate common approaches to development issues and consensus-building, including regional inputs to global processes.

18.13 Based on its normative and analytical work, ESCAP will carry out technical cooperation to facilitate subregional and regional cooperation in areas of priority to member States, building on the work of the United Nations country teams in addressing key development challenges, for example, through pioneering innovative solutions and South-South cooperation.

18.14 Greater priority will be accorded to mainstreaming the concerns of countries with special needs in the Asian and Pacific region, including the 32 least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, in order to promote their economic and social prosperity. Given the extreme diversity and geographical spread of the region, efforts will be made to increase the depth and impact of the work of the Commission in each of its subregions and to enhance the monitoring and evaluation of its work in these areas.

18.15 In view of the vulnerability of the Asian and Pacific region to disasters, greater priority will be accorded to work on disaster risk reduction and to the need for regional cooperation and inter-agency partnerships in addressing them.

18.16 Given the strength of ESCAP as the regional forum in Asia and the Pacific with universal membership and convening authority for intergovernmental dialogue, in particular on transboundary development issues, the Commission will work in close cooperation and

coordination with other multilateral entities and specialized agencies, in particular the Asian Development Bank and subregional organizations.

18.17 The Commission will continue to engage with the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs as a key global body for ensuring coherence on common thematic areas among entities of the United Nations Secretariat working in the social and economic sectors. Such consultations were held with regard to improving coordination and collaborative work in the formulation of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

18.18 In support of system-wide coherence, ESCAP, as chair of the United Nations regional coordination mechanism in Asia and the Pacific, will give special attention to strengthening coordination, cooperation and synergies among United Nations and other intergovernmental entities working at the regional level. This will include working closely with entities of the United Nations Development Group, including the Regional Director's team, to enhance the analytical, normative and operational linkages of the United Nations system in order to strengthen the Organization's development pillar.

18.19 The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for the Commission in the biennium 2010-2011 are detailed, together with resources, under the programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management and programme support.

18.20 To enable ESCAP to ensure that the programme of work is fully aligned with the priorities of its membership and also cost-effective and efficient, a rigorous internal review of the existing and planned activities was undertaken. Through this review, which was complemented by the intensive intergovernmental review undertaken by the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives designated by the Members of the Commission, a series of committees and the Commission, outputs that are more responsive to the emerging needs of the ESCAP membership were established.

18.21 A review was undertaken of the value added by publications to the achievement of the expected accomplishments of each subprogramme under the programme of work. As a result of the review, the proposed publications programme of ESCAP for the period 2010-2011 has been streamlined in line with the strategic repositioning of the Commission. Priority is accorded to the quality of publications and their relevance to global and regional priorities. Further, the publications programme for the 2010-2011 biennium proposes an increase in the use of more cost-efficient and effective means of disseminating ESCAP policy analysis and research outcomes, such as technical papers for more targeted audience groups and an e-working paper series on development issues. The streamlining exercise has resulted in the overall reduction of recurrent and non-recurrent publications, such as shown below in summary and described in the outputs under each subprogramme.

Table 18.3 **Summary of publications**

Publications	*2006-2007 actual*	*2008-2009 estimate*	*2010-2011 estimate*
Recurrent	84	67	25
Non-recurrent	24	27	17
Total	**108**	**94**	**42**

18.22 The overall resources required for the biennium 2010-2011 for this section amount to $94,625,800 before recosting, reflecting a net increase of $2,210,000 (or 2.4 per cent), of which $2,542,500

relates to net changes in connection with: (a) the delayed impact of 14 posts established in the biennium 2008-2009 ($2,639,400); and (b) a net reduction under non-post resources relating to the discontinuation of non-recurrent provisions approved in 2008-2009, and other reductions resulting from reduced requirements for consultancy services, furniture and equipment, and grants and contributions ($429,400). The net growth shown in table 18.5 can be summarized as follows:

(a) The net decrease of $796,800 under executive direction and management relates to:

(i) The outward redeployment of five posts from the former Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit to the programme of work, partly offset by the inward redeployment of one P-4 post from subprogramme 6, Social development, which is intended to strengthen and mainstream the priority needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States into the relevant subprogrammes, in response to the mandate reflected in Commission resolution 64/1 ($760,100);

(ii) Reductions under non-post resources resulting from the decentralization of resources previously allocated to the former Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit ($36,700);

(b) The net increase of $3,426,700 under programme of work relates to:

(i) A decrease of $785,200 under subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and development, resulting from: the outward redeployment of four posts to other subprogrammes, partly offset by the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from executive direction and management to mainstream the poverty dimension in response to the Commission's request to promote poverty reduction as an overarching objective across all relevant subprogrammes ($672,700); and reductions under non-post resources resulting from the mainstreaming to other subprogrammes of resources related to poverty reduction activities ($112,500);

(ii) A net increase of $365,000 under subprogramme 2, Trade and investment, resulting from: the inward redeployment of one P-5 post from the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) under subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, to implement the decision of the Commission to shift the work of APCTT to subprogramme 2 in order to emphasize the promotion of transfer of technologies for increased regional and international trade, particularly through South-South cooperation, and to take into account its new mandate, as contained in Commission resolution 64/3, to promote the transfer of clean technologies, particularly renewables for energy security and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific ($353,000); and a net increase for non-post resources, particularly consultancy services, for the organization of one additional expert group meeting, partly offset by decreased requirements for travel of staff in view of fewer trips planned to the meetings of the relevant bodies of the United Nations and other organizations related to trade and investment, and external printing under contractual services due to the increased use of electronic publishing and dissemination of publications ($12,000);

(iii) A decrease of $32,000 under subprogramme 3, Transport, resulting from reductions under non-post resources, particularly for consultancy services, owing to more reliance on expertise within the secretariat; travel of staff, mainly due to the discontinuation of travel related to tourism activities as a result of the revision of the programme structure of ESCAP; and external printing, due to the reduction in the number of hard-copy publications ($32,000);

(iv) A net increase of $248,700 under subprogramme 4, Environment and development, resulting from: the delayed impact of one P-3 post established in the biennium 2008-2009, the inward redeployments of one P-4 post from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and one Local-level post from executive direction and management, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-3 post to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction ($276,900); and reductions under non-post resources, particularly for consultancy services, owing to more reliance on expertise within the secretariat; and external printing, due to the increased use of electronic publishing and dissemination of publications ($28,206);

(v) A net increase of $196,700 under subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, resulting from: the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from subprogramme 4, Environment and development, and three Local-level posts, one from executive direction and management and two from programme support, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-5 post to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment, to strengthen the research and administrative support to this subprogramme and thereby address a mandate reflected in Commission resolution 64/2, on regional cooperation in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015, and the Commission's decision to relocate the work of APCTT to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment ($214,100); and net reductions under non-post resources, particularly for consultancy services owing to more reliance on expertise within the secretariat, and for external printing, due to the increased use of electronic publishing and dissemination of publications, partly offset by increased requirements for travel of staff due additional travel planned to be undertaken in connection with disaster risk reduction activities ($17,400);

(vi) A net increase of $224,700 under subprogramme 6, Social development, resulting from: the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from executive direction and management, and one P-2 and one Local-level posts from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-4 post to executive direction and management to support the mainstreaming of gender equality in the work of the Commission and to ensure a more systematic and multisectoral approach to addressing poverty issues, as emphasized by the Commission in its resolution 64/1 ($256,800); and reductions under non-post resources, particularly for consultancy services owing to more reliance on expertise within the secretariat, external printing, due to the increased use of electronic publication and dissemination of publications, and travel of staff in view of a reduction in the representational travel planned to be undertaken ($32,100);

(vii) A net increase of $787,200 under subprogramme 7, Statistics, resulting from: (the inward redeployment of one P-5 post from executive direction and management, one P-4 post from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and one Local-level post from programme support to strengthen the analytical work of the secretariat, particularly in connection with reporting on the status of the least developed and landlocked developing countries in meeting the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals ($764,500); and a net increase under non-post requirements, resulting from increased requirements for consultancy services in connection with the preparation of a flagship publication and for an additional expert group meeting, and travel of staff, partly offset by decreased requirements for external printing under contractual services in view of the decisions to limit the production of the Statistical Yearbook to one issue per biennium ($22,700);

(viii) A net increase of $2,421,600 under subprogramme 8, Subregional activities for development, resulting from: the delayed impact of 11 posts established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, effective as at 1 January 2009, to be deployed to four of the five newly established components under the subprogramme, namely, the subregional offices for the Pacific, East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, and South and South-West Asia, as a result of the revision of ESCAP programme structure ($2,402,100); and a net increase under non-post resources to reflect increased requirements for the newly established subregional offices ($19,500);

(c) The net decrease of $419,900 under programme support relates to: the outward redeployment of three Local-level posts, namely, two to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, and one to subprogramme 7, Statistics, to strengthen the research support capacity in relation to the secretariat's normative and analytical work, including capacity related to disaster risk reduction in particular ($195,200); and net reductions under non-post resources ($224,700).

18.23 During the biennium 2010-2011, the projected extrabudgetary resources of $30,077,000 will be utilized to complement resources from the programme budget to provide practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of ESCAP.

18.24 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for the conduct of monitoring and evaluation will amount to $3,526,045, representing a total of 265 work-months of at the D-2/D-1, P-5, P-4/P-3, and P-2 levels and 150 work-months at the Local level, comprised of $3,228,508 from regular budget resources and reflected under each subprogramme, and $297,537 from extrabudgetary resources, including $149,900 of non-post resources.

18.25 The distribution of post and non-post resources is summarized in tables 18.4 to 18.6.

Table 18.4 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policymaking organs	1.1	—
B. Executive direction and management	5.3	0.7
C. Programme of work		
1. Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development	7.6	4.8
2. Trade and investment	6.7	12.8
3. Transport	6.5	3.2
4. Environment and development	7.0	17.5
5. Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction	5.6	16.3
6. Social development	7.4	8.3
7. Statistics	5.1	19.0
8. Subregional activities for development	7.1	4.7
Subtotal C	**53.0**	**86.6**
D. Programme support	**40.6**	**12.7**
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 18.5 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	2006-2007 expenditure	2008-2009 appropriation	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	2010-2011 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	649.8	1 080.8	—	—	1 080.8	58.7	1 139.5
B. Executive direction and management	5 421.7	5 820.7	(796.8)	(13.7)	5 023.9	203.2	5 227.1
C. Programme of work	39 567.8	46 673.1	3 426.7	7.3	50 099.8	1 951.6	52 051.4
D. Programme support	34 267.8	38 841.2	(419.9)	(1.1)	38 421.3	1 831.8	40 253.1
Subtotal	**79 907.0**	**92 415.8**	**2 210.0**	**2.4**	**94 625.8**	**4 045.3**	**98 671.1**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

2006-2007 expenditure	2008-2009 estimate	Source of funds	2010-2011 estimate
2 588.6	3 280.0	(a) Services in support of extrabudgetary activities	3 427.0
		(b) Substantive activities:	
75.0	—	(i) Trust fund for assistance in the training of United Nations staff in the French language	—
1.0	—	(ii) Trust Fund for International Cooperation for Development	—
		(c) Operational projects:	
20 870.6	23 308.4	(i) Bilateral resources	25 212.0
1 156.8	481.4	(ii) United Nations Development Programme	634.2
712.3	675.2	(iii) United Nations Population Fund	803.8
25 404.3	**27 745.0**	**Subtotal**	**30 077.0**
105 311.3	**120 160.8**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**128 748.1**

Table 18.6 **Post requirements**

Category	Established regular budget posts: 2008-2009	Established regular budget posts: 2010-2011	Temporary posts: Regular budget: 2008-2009	Temporary posts: Regular budget: 2010-2011	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary: 2008-2009	Temporary posts: Extrabudgetary: 2010-2011	Total: 2008-2009	Total: 2010-2011
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	13	13	—	—	2	2	15	15
P-5	36	36	—	—	6	3	42	39
P-4/3	107	107	—	—	19	28	126	135

Category	Established regular budget posts		Temporary posts				Total	
			Regular budget		Extrabudgetary			
	2008-2009	2010-2011	2008-2009	2010-2011	2008-2009	2010-2011	2008-2009	2010-2011
P-2/1	35	35	—	—	6	2	41	37
Subtotal	**193**	**193**	**—**	**—**	**33**	**35**	**226**	**228**
Other categories								
Local level	244	244	—	—	61	56	305	300
National Officer	3	3	—	—	—	1	3	4
Subtotal	**247**	**247**	**—**	**—**	**61**	**57**	**308**	**304**
Total	**440**	**440**	**—**	**—**	**94**	**92**	**534**	**532**

A. Policymaking organs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,080,800

18.26 The Commission, which in 2009 consists of 53 members and 9 associate member countries and territories, provides overall direction to the work of the secretariat and reports to the Economic and Social Council. It holds regular annual sessions, each of which comprises a senior officials' segment followed by a ministerial segment, to discuss and decide on important issues pertaining to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in the region. An informal session among the heads of delegations may be organized during the ministerial segment of each Commission session, for which simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

18.27 As a result of Commission resolutions 61/1 and 64/1, on the restructuring of its conference structure, the Commission now has eight subsidiary bodies, namely the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development, the Committee on Trade and Investment, the Committee on Transport, the Committee on Environment and Development, the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Committee on Social Development and the Committee on Statistics. The total duration of the sessions of legislative organs amounts to a maximum of 54 meeting days per biennium (for the annual sessions of the Commission and 8 biennial sessions of the Committees). In addition to the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission may have a maximum of 12 formal meetings per calendar year, to advise the Executive Secretary and to liaise between the Commission and the secretariat. Meetings of the Commission and its committees are normally held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. If held at any other location at the invitation of a member Government, all additional costs would be borne by the host country.

18.28 Pursuant to its resolution 64/1, the Commission, at its sixty-seventh session in 2011, will undertake a midterm review of the functioning of the conference structure, focusing in particular on whether the structure has served the purpose of improving efficiency and attracting higher level and wider representation from members and associate members.

Table 18.7 **Resource requirements: policymaking organs**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Non-post	1 080.8	1 080.8	—	—
Total	**1 080.8**	**1 080.8**	—	—

18.29 The amount of $1,080,800 is required in connection with meetings of the Commission, its committees and other intergovernmental bodies. The provision covers the cost of, inter alia, temporary assistance for meetings, consultants and experts, and travel of supplementary conference-servicing staff and of a staff member from the Regional Commissions New York Office to attend the annual sessions of the Commission.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,023,900

18.30 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Executive Secretary and the United Nations Information Services. The Commission, by its resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of its conference structure, stressed that the priority needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States should be mainstreamed into the work of all Committees subsidiary to the Commission. Hence, posts attached to the former Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit under executive direction and management have been redeployed to the programme of work in order to coordinate action on issues of concern to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, with a view to strengthening the planning and delivery of substantive activities to support the servicing of the subsidiary structure of the Commission.

18.31 The Office of the Executive Secretary provides overall policy direction to and management of the ESCAP secretariat, with the aim of ensuring that ESCAP plays a major role in promoting inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in the Asian and Pacific region and translates issues of global importance into regional action. The Office provides direction and guidance in coordinating work on the achievement of and follow-up to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and on other cross-cutting issues, such as poverty reduction, gender mainstreaming and sustainable development, throughout the substantive subprogrammes, while ensuring a balanced approach to addressing the needs of the members of the Commission.

18.32 United Nations Information Services promotes the visibility of the United Nations and ESCAP by disseminating information on their work to member States, the media and the general public. It is also responsible for two key outlets for ESCAP public information activities, that is, the contents of the ESCAP website and library services.

Table 18.8 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources of ESCAP.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) The programme of work is effectively managed	(a) (i) Timely delivery of outputs *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 90 per cent of outputs delivered within established deadlines Estimate 2008-2009: 90 per cent of outputs delivered within established deadlines Target 2010-2011: 92 per cent of outputs delivered within established deadlines (ii) Efficient and effective use of resources *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 95.2 per cent delivery Estimate 2008-2009: 100 per cent delivery Target 2010-2011: 100 per cent delivery
(b) Timely recruitment and placement of staff	(b) Reduction in the average number of days a Professional post remains vacant *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 166 days Estimate 2008-2009: 166 days Target 2010-2011: 150 days
(c) Improved geographical representation and gender balance	(c) (i) Increased percentage of staff recruited from unrepresented and underrepresented member States

	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 33.3 per cent
	Estimate 2008-2009: 27.8 per cent
	Target 2010-2011: 35 per cent
	(ii) Increased percentage of women at the Professional level and above for appointments of one year or more
	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 31.4 per cent
	Estimate 2008-2009: 30.1 per cent
	Target 2010-2011: 40 per cent
(d) Identification of emerging issues that require attention by Member States	(d) Increased number of recommendations made by intergovernmental bodies on emerging issues identified by ESCAP
	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 47 recommendations
	Estimate 2008-2009: 50 recommendations
	Target 2010-2011: 52 recommendations
(e) Enhanced policy coherence in the management of the economic and social activities of the United Nations	(e) Increased number of deliverables produced under the purview of the United Nations regional coordination mechanism in Asia and the Pacific or one of its thematic working groups
	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 5 deliverables
	Estimate 2008-2009: 8 deliverables
	Target 2010-2011: 12 deliverables
(f) Mobilization and promotion of public information on the role of ESCAP in the Asian and Pacific region	(f) (i) Increased media coverage of ESCAP activities
	Performance measures:
	2006-2007: 2,438 media articles on ESCAP initiatives

Estimate 2008-2009: 2,500 media articles on ESCAP initiatives

Target 2010-2011: 2,600 media articles on ESCAP initiatives

(ii) Increased usage of public information provided by ESCAP

Performance measures:

2006-2007: not applicable

Estimate 2008-2009: 5.25 million page views

Target 2010-2011: 5.5 million page views

External factors

18.33 The objectives and expected accomplishments under executive direction and management are expected to be achieved on the assumption that: (a) governmental and non-governmental counterparts at the national level will continue to be committed and assign priority to regional collaboration on socio-economic development issues; (b) entities within the United Nations system will remain committed and attach adequate resources to enhancing system-wide policy coherence; and (c) the international community will be responsive to and supportive of the needs and concerns of ESCAP member States, in accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Outputs

18.34 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Commission (28);

b. Parliamentary documentation: study series on the theme discussed at the annual session of the Commission (2); annual report of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (2); reports on issues related to programme management (2);

(ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: servicing of meetings of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by the Commission (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Exhibits, guided tours, lectures: exhibits (2); visitors' programmes, briefing/lectures on the work of ESCAP and the United Nations (2);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: *What's Ahead@ESCAP* electronic news bulletin (monthly) (2); promotional materials on ESCAP and United Nations priority issues (2); UN Focus newsletter (2);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: organization of press conferences, press briefings and press interviews (2); press releases and op-ed articles on the work and activities of ESCAP and on behalf of United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations entities (2);

(iv) Special events: organization of the annual United Nations Day and other observances (2);

(v) Technical materials: production of content for and maintenance of the web pages of the United Nations Information Services (2);

(vi) Audio-visual resources: production of audio-visual/multimedia and educational materials on ESCAP (2);

(vii) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: organization of meetings of the United Nations regional coordination mechanism in Asia and the Pacific (2).

Table 18.9 **Resource requirements: executive direction and management**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	5 403.0	4 642.9	26	22
Non-post	417.7	381.0	—	—
Subtotal	**5 820.7**	**5 023.9**	**26**	**22**
Extrabudgetary	180.0	200.0	—	—
Total	**6 000.7**	**5 223.9**	**26**	**22**

18.35 The amount of $5,023,900, reflecting a net decrease of $796,800, comprises: (a) $4,642,900 for the funding of 22 posts (10 Professional and 12 Local level), reflecting a net decrease of $760,100, due to the outward redeployment of five posts from the former Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit to other subprogrammes, partly offset by the inward redeployment of one P-4 post from subprogramme 6, Social development; and (b) $381,000 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $36,700 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise not available in the secretariat, the travel of staff to attend meetings, hold consultations and undertake public information-related activities; contractual services for external printing of public information materials, and other resources relating to the production of public information.

18.36 The proposed redeployment of posts is in response to the mandate provided by the Commission in resolution 64/1. The decrease of $36,700 in non-post requirements is the result of the proposed decentralization of non-post resources previously allocated to the former Least Developed Countries Coordination Unit.

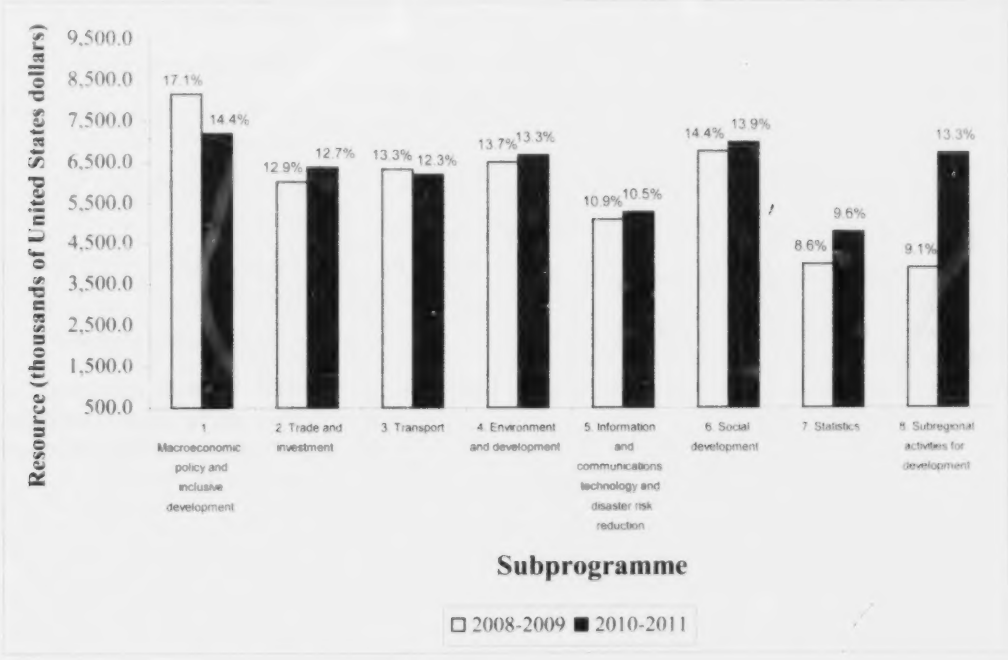
18.37 During the biennium 2010-2011, the projected extrabudgetary resources of $200,000, reflecting a marginal increase of $20,000, will complement resources from the regular budget to finance efforts to increase the outreach and organizational effectiveness of ESCAP. Resources will in that context be directed towards (a) ensuring the coordination and full inclusion of the newly established subregional offices in the programme activities of ESCAP, (b) strengthening knowledge management for greater development impact, including through enhancing web-based information, and (c) outreach activities to strengthen collaboration and partnership with other organizations at the regional and subregional levels. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

C. Programme of work

Table 18.10 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2008-2009	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2010-2011 (before recosting)	Posts 2008-2009	Posts 2010-2011
Regular budget				
1. Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development	7 982.3	7 197.1	36	33
2. Trade and investment	6 008.1	6 373.1	27	28
3. Transport	6 192.6	6 160.6	28	28
4. Environment and development	6 400.2	6 648.9	30	31
5. Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction	5 072.2	5 268.9	21	24
6. Social development	6 744.7	6 969.4	31	33
7. Statistics	4 007.8	4 795.0	21	24
8. Subregional activities for development	4 265.2	6 686.8	21	21
Subtotal	**46 673.1**	**50 099.8**	**215**	**222**
Extrabudgetary	23 965.0	26 050.0	65	60
Total	**70 638.1**	**76 149.8**	**280**	**282**

Table 18.11 **Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme**



Subprogramme 1
Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,197,100

18.38 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division and is supported by the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 1 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.12 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To reduce poverty by promoting a sound macroeconomic policy environment for growth and inclusive development, especially among the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals in the ESCAP region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased regional cooperation and sharing of experiences and practices in formulating and implementing macroeconomic policies to reduce poverty, and achievement of sustainable and inclusive economic and social development	(a) (i) Percentage of recipients of ESCAP analyses, including those from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, indicating that cooperation in the area of sound macroeconomic policy development has increased *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 50 per cent (overall recipients) Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent (overall recipients) Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent (overall recipients) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 30 per cent (recipients from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States)

	Estimate 2008-2009: 40 per cent (recipients from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States) Target 2010-2011: 50 per cent (recipients from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States) (ii) Increased number of references in policy documents, academic literature and mass media to findings in the flagship publications of ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 300 review articles and references Estimate 2008-2009: 500 review articles and references Target 2010-2011: 700 review articles and references
(b) Improved capacity of member States to design and implement medium- to long-term economic development policy options, including in the area of financing for development	(b) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities indicating that they are better able to design and implement sound economic development policies, including in the area of financing for development *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 50 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(c) Improved capacity of member States to develop programmes, utilize good practices and formulate strategies for achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, with a special focus on regional poverty reduction and gender equality issues	(c) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities indicating that they have benefited from Millennium Development Goal-related policy options, practices and strategies collected, analysed and documented by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 50 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent

(d) Progress towards graduation of the least developed countries through mobilization of regional efforts to address poverty reduction and other concerns of countries with special needs	(d) Increased percentage of decisions, recommendations or resolutions of intergovernmental and legislative meetings that address poverty reduction and other concerns of countries with special needs *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 50 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 55 per cent Target 2010-2011: 60 per cent
(e) Improved capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement policies and programmes for reducing rural poverty, including those with a gender dimension, through the sustainable development of secondary crops	(e) Increased percentage of those participating in the work of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific and other ESCAP-related activities who indicate that they are better able to formulate and implement rural development policies, including those with a gender dimension, research programmes, and projects that include sustainable development of secondary crops *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 65 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent

External factors

18.39 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries will remain stable; (b) governmental institutions and civil society organizations will have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.40 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to the least developed and landlocked developing countries (1); reports on issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development (2); reports on the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific (CAPSA) (2);

(ii) Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development (1); report on major issues related to macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development (1);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting in preparation for the final review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (1); expert group meeting on regional implementation of the outcomes of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development, in collaboration with Department of Economic and Social Affairs (1); peer reviews of *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: CAPSA Governing Council (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* (biannual) (4); *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, including its launching (2); *Key Economic Developments and Prospects in the Asia-Pacific Region* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: financing for development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: *CAPSA Flash* (2); information services and database development on secondary crop development for poverty reduction (2); *Palawija News* (triannual) (2); public information materials on socio-economic policy and performance of Asia and the Pacific (including press background notes, country notes and presentation materials) (2);

(iv) Special events: launching of *World Economic Situation and Prospects* in selected locations in Asia and the Pacific, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (2);

(v) Technical material: addressing key issues and concerns of interest to countries with special needs in the Asian and Pacific region, including those identified by the Committee on Development Planning at its annual meetings (1); socio-economic policy briefs, including those related to macroeconomic policy and inclusive development (triannual) (2); CAPSA web page on secondary crops at http://www.uncapsa.org (quarterly updating) (2); ESCAP web page on macroeconomic policy and inclusive development (http://www.unescap.org/pdd) (quarterly updating) (2); emerging modalities for promoting South-South and triangular cooperation in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in countries with special needs (1); frameworks and guidelines for overcoming resource and implementation gaps in Millennium Development Goal achievements, particularly in countries with special needs (1); selected issues in developing and integrating the Millennium Development Goals in national development strategies, particularly those of countries with special needs (1); online working paper series on inclusive development, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals (biannual) (2); paper on improving the investment climate for long-term economic development and inclusive growth (1); regional input to the development cooperation framework as an effective tool for South-South cooperation and inclusive development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: preparation of forecasts of major Asian and Pacific countries for Project LINK (2); regional coordination mechanism: thematic working group on poverty and hunger (biannual) (2);

(vii) Contribution to joint outputs: regional inputs to *World Economic Situation and Prospects* (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: ESCAP development seminar series on key social and economic issues in Asia and the Pacific (30 participants) (1); in-country policy dialogues on inclusive and pro-poor macroeconomic policies, implementation challenges and sharing of best practices (20 participants) (1); partnership dialogues on developing and implementing Millennium Development Goals-based national development strategies, particularly in countries with special needs (1); policy dialogue on economic policies for promoting regional cooperation (30 participants) (1); regional and national workshops on capacity-building for financing for development (30 participants) (1); regional and subregional training workshops on sharing good practices with a view to improving the capacity of service delivery systems in support of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in countries with special needs (1); secondary crops and poverty alleviation (1); subregional advocacy workshops and media awards in relation to the Millennium Development Goals (biannual) (1); subregional workshops on the policy recommendations on key socio-economic issues contained in *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (30 participants) (1); workshop on assisting the least developed countries in developing and implementing national strategies to graduate from their least developed country status (1);

(ii) Field projects: adding value to fresh and processed produce through product certification (1); capacity-building of government policymakers in formulating and implementing policies and programmes in support of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (1); development of sustainable agriculture of secondary crops for poverty alleviation (1); impact of economic integration on agriculture and policy proposals towards poverty alleviation in selected countries of Asia and the Pacific (1); secondary crop development for energy security (1).

Table 18.13 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	7 474.5	6 801.8	36	33
Non-post	507.8	395.3	—	—
Subtotal	**7 982.3**	**7 197.1**	**36**	**33**
Extrabudgetary	1 775.0	1 450.0	13	10
Total	**9 757.3**	**8 647.1**	**49**	**43**

18.41 The amount of $7,197,100, reflecting a net decrease of $785,200, comprises: (a) $6,801,800 for the funding of 33 posts (18 Professional and 15 Local level), reflecting a net decrease of $672,700, due to the outward redeployment of four posts (3 Professional and 1 Local level) to other

subprogrammes, partly offset by the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from executive direction and management; and (b) $395,300 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $112,500 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise not available in the secretariat; expert group meetings; travel of staff to attend various meetings of the relevant bodies of the United Nations and other organizations, undertake missions to collect country data and information and consult governments for needs assessment purposes; and contractual services for external printing, the preparation and launching of a flagship publication and macroeconomic forecasting services.

18.42 The proposed redeployment of posts aims to mainstream the poverty dimension in response to the Commission's request that poverty reduction be promoted as an overarching objective across all relevant subprogrammes. The decrease of $112,500 in non-post requirements is mainly due to the mainstreaming of resources related to poverty reduction activities in other subprogrammes.

18.43 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $1,450,000 will provide practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme, especially in regard to technical cooperation activities that support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, thereby responding to Commission resolution 64/6, on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region, and resolution 64/7, on financing for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in the ESCAP region. Extrabudgetary resources will enable the implementation of technical cooperation activities on policies and programmes in support of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, product certification, the development of sustainable agriculture of secondary crops for poverty alleviation and energy security, and the impact of economic integration on agriculture. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The decrease of $325,000, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is due to the reallocation of extrabudgetary resources earmarked for the promotion of social aspects of poverty reduction to other relevant subprogrammes, especially subprogramme 8, Subregional activities for development, and subprogramme 6, Social development.

Subprogramme 2
Trade and investment

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,373,100

18.44 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Investment Division and is supported by the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 2 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.14 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation and integration in trade, investment, finance and technology transfer in the ESCAP region in support of inclusive and sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened regional cooperative mechanisms in trade, investment and finance	(a) (i) Number of ESCAP member States indicating that regional cooperative mechanisms in trade, investment and finance fostered by ESCAP have been strengthened *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 25 member States Target 2010-2011: 25 member States (ii) Increased coverage and depth of commitments under the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement and/or the expansion of membership in the Agreement *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 26.8 per cent (average margin of preferences) Estimate 2008-2009: 30 per cent (average margin of preferences) Target 2010-2011: 30 per cent (average margin of preferences) *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 4,270 number of products receiving preferences Estimate 2008-2009: 6,000 number of products receiving preferences Target 2010-2011: 6,000 number of products receiving preferences

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 2 agreements in non-tariff-related areas Target 2010-2011: 3 agreements in non-tariff-related areas *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 6 members Estimate 2008-2009: 7 members Target 2010-2011: 7 members
(b) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement effective and coherent policies, including those with a gender dimension, on trade and investment, enterprise development and finance policies	(b) Percentage of participants in ESCAP activities and initiatives indicating that they had increased and/or used their capacity to formulate or implement effective and mutually coherent and consistent trade and investment, enterprise development and finance policies, including those with a gender dimension *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 75 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 75 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent
(c) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement policies and strategies for sustainable economic growth and rural poverty reduction through agrotechnology transfer and agro-based enterprise development	(c) Percentage of those participating in the activities of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery and other ESCAP initiatives indicating that they were better able to formulate or implement policies and strategies for sustainable economic growth and rural poverty reduction through regional cooperation in agrotechnology and agricultural enterprise development *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 65 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent

(d) Strengthened capacity to promote national innovative systems and create an enabling environment for technology transfer to address regional development challenges	(d) Increased number of ESCAP member States participating in the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology and other technology transfer mechanisms promoted by ESCAP, including regional networks *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 12 member States Estimate 2008-2009: 15 member States Target 2010-2011: 18 member States

External factors

18.45 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) the global, regional and national environment will remain conducive to a continued expansion of collaboration on trade, investment and other financial issues; (b) national institutions will be willing to provide relevant information; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.46 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports of the United Nations Asian and the Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (UNAPCAEM) (2); report on issues related to trade, investment and finance (2); report on the activities of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) (2);

(ii) Committee on Trade and Investment:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report on major issues related to trade, investment and finance (1); report of the Committee on Trade and Investment (1);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: ad hoc expert group meeting on the facilitation of trade in agriculture and other key products in Asia and the Pacific (1); expert group meeting on regional policies and cooperative strategies for sustainable and inclusive enterprise development, including its gender dimensions (1); expert group meeting on regional trade, investment and finance cooperation mechanisms for inclusive and sustainable development, including the gender dimensions (1);

(iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement Standing Committee (2); APCTT Governing Council (2); Board of Directors of the Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum (2); ESCAP Business Advisory Council (2); UNPAECM Governing Council (2); Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (1); United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia: working group on trade (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Review of Trade, Investment and Finance in Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: effective management of technology transfer, in particular of clean and renewable technologies, for enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises, including its gender dimensions (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: regional perspectives on the implications of the Doha Development Agenda (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: best practices in relation to the single window system for efficient trade in Asia and the Pacific (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: cost of trade in perishable goods in Asia and the Pacific (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: increasing enterprise competitiveness in value chains in Asia and the Pacific (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: policy guidebook for enterprise development in Asia and the Pacific (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: regional aspects of trade, investment and finance (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: trade facilitation and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises in Asia and the Pacific (1); monograph series on trade, investment and finance: promoting the implementation of corporate social responsibility for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: ESCAP activities in trade and investment: past, present and future (1); UNAPCAEM e-Newsletter, circulated among member countries (biannual) (2); e-TISNET quarterly newsletters (news and sources) (2);

(iv) Technical material: Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology website (http://www.apctt.org) and web-based resource material on technology transfer, national innovation systems and grass-roots innovations, including *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (regular updating) (2); best practices in regard to resource assessment and preparation of technical specifications for the adoption of renewable energy technologies (1); ESCAP web page on trade and investment (http://www.unescap.org/tid) (2); policy brief and working paper series on key aspects of trade and investment, including Aid for Trade, in Asia and the Pacific (2); United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery website of data and information on agricultural science and technology for poverty alleviation (http://www.unapcaem.org) (2); trade information service (1); update of trade and investment database: activity management system (2); Value Added Technology Information Service periodicals on waste management, non-conventional energy, food processing, biotechnology and ozone layer protection (http://www.techmonitor.net) (6 issues per year) (2); website for sharing of information on best practices in sustainable rural development (http://www.unapcaem.org) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: capacity-building seminar on the negotiation and implementation of trade agreements, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (30 participants) (1); public-private sector dialogue on building trade facilitation capacity, including Aid for Trade (30 participants) (1); public-private-civil society organization dialogues on investment and enterprise development policies for inclusive and sustainable development, including its gender dimensions (150 participants) (1); regional aspects of trade and investment, including Aid for Trade (50 participants) (1); trade policy courses on World Trade Organization issues and regional trade governance for inclusive and sustainable development (120 participants) (1);

(ii) Field projects: Asia-Pacific regional trade facilitation initiative (1); Business for Development: capacity-building on enterprise development policies and programmes to facilitate participation in regional and global value chains (1); Business for Development: regional learning and capacity-building hub on policies and practices to strengthen the contribution of investment to inclusive and sustainable development, including its gender dimensions (1); commercialization of grass-roots innovations in Asia and the Pacific (1); ESCAP/European Commission-Nepal World Trade Organization assistance programme (1); establishment of an institutional cooperation mechanism to promote renewable energy in Asia and the Pacific (1); improvement of trade facilitation and a single window applicable in Asia and the Pacific through sharing of knowledge and best practices (1); promoting cooperation for agricultural development in the Greater Tumen Subregion (1); promotion of a regional network among research and development institutes in the Asian and Pacific region to strengthen capacity for innovation (1); promotion of national innovation systems in Asia and the Pacific, including its gender dimensions (1); South-South cooperative regional framework for food security through innovation and dissemination of agricultural technology, including post-harvest and farm mechanization technology, and agrobusiness development strategies (1); strengthening the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (1); strengthening the technology transfer capacity of small and medium-sized enterprises, including its gender dimensions (1); support for regional knowledge networking through several research studies, workshops and dissemination and publication activities implemented through the Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (1).

Table 18.15 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	5 823.2	6 176.2	27	28
Non-post	184.9	196.9	—	—
Subtotal	**6 008.1**	**6 373.1**	**27**	**28**
Extrabudgetary	3 460.0	3 850.0	10	19
Total	**9 468.1**	**10 223.1**	**37**	**47**

18.47 The amount of $6,373,100, reflecting a net increase of $365,000, comprises: (a) $6,176,200 for the funding of 28 posts (17 Professional and 11 Local level), reflecting an increase of $353,000, due to the inward redeployment of one P-5 post from subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction; and (b) $196,900 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of $12,000 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas not available in the secretariat and to undertake specialized studies as inputs to various publications, expert group meetings, and travel of staff to undertake missions to service the Ministerial Council and Standing Committee of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement and the annual sessions of the Governing Council and Technical Committee of APCAEM and APCTT.

18.48 The proposed redeployment of posts aims to address the decision of the Commission to shift the work of APCTT to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment, in order to emphasize the promotion of transfer of technologies for increased regional and international trade, particularly through South-

South cooperation, and to take into account its new mandate, as contained in Commission resolution 64/3, to promote the transfer of clean technologies, particularly renewables for energy security and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

18.49 The net increase of $12,000 in non-post requirements is the result of increased requirements for the organization of one additional expert group meeting, as well as for the consultancy services required for APCTT along with the shifting of its work to this subprogramme, partly offset by decreased requirements for general operating requirements.

18.50 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $3,850,000 will provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme. In accordance with priorities established by the Commission, extrabudgetary resources will be dedicated to enhancing national capacities to: (a) participate in activities related to regional trade and investment agreements and mechanisms, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement; (b) participate in Doha Round negotiations; (c) formulate and implement trade facilitation and e-commerce practices for enhancing international competitiveness; and (d) create a domestic policy environment conducive to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and the mobilization of stable financial and investment flows. Extrabudgetary resources will also provide the means for two regional institutions subsidiary to ESCAP, namely, UNAPCAEM and APCTT, to continue their capacity-building work in their respective fields. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The increase of $390,000, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is due to: (a) the decision of the Commission to shift the work of APCTT from subprogramme 5, Information communications technology and disaster risk reduction, to this subprogramme; and (b) an estimated increase in staff costs in relation to UNAPCAEM, based in Beijing, and APCTT, based in New Delhi.

Subprogramme 3
Transport

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,160,600

18.51 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 3 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.16 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote regional cooperation and integration in transport for inclusive and sustainable development in the ESCAP region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced knowledge and increased capacity of member States to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport policies and programmes, including those targeting the Millennium Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of Government policies, programmes, projects and initiatives that reflect ESCAP-promoted principles or recommendations in the areas of transport

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 31 policies, programmes, projects and initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 47 policies, programmes, projects and initiatives Target 2010-2011: 69 policies, programmes, projects and initiatives
	(ii) Increased percentage of delegations participating in ESCAP activities that indicate that they have enhanced their knowledge and capacity to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport policies and programmes *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 75 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 85 per cent Target 2010-2011: 90 per cent
(b) Improved capability of member States and international financial institutions to use the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and other ESCAP-promoted initiatives for planning international intermodal transport linkages	(b) (i) Increased number of feasibility studies for investment projects and infrastructure improvements of intermodal connections on the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 15 feasibility studies Estimate 2008-2009: 30 feasibility studies Target 2010-2011: 45 feasibility studies
	(ii) Increased number of accessions by ESCAP member States to global, regional and subregional agreements *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 25 accessions Estimate 2008-2009: 40 accessions Target 2010-2011: 55 accessions

(c) Increased capacity among ESCAP member States and regional industries to implement measures to improve the efficiency of international transport operations and logistics as well as road safety	(c) (i) Increased number of initiatives to improve road safety and identify and remove bottlenecks along transport routes and at selected border crossings *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 10 initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 12 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 18 initiatives (ii) Increased number of container block-trains and intermodal transport services scheduled on the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway and along interregional routes *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 8 scheduled container transport services Estimate 2008-2009: 12 scheduled container transport services Target 2010-2011: 18 scheduled container transport services

External factors

18.52 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Government of members and associate members will be willing and able to implement ESCAP-promoted programmes and projects within the period; and (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.53 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to transport and tourism (2);

(ii) Committee on Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Transport (1); report on major issues related to transport (1);

(iii) Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport (1); report on major issues related to transport (1);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on preparations for the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport (1); expert group meeting on progress made in improving road safety in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia: working group on transport and border crossing (2); working group on the Asian Highway Network (1); working group on the Trans-Asian Railway Network (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Review of the Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific* (1); *Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific* (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: monograph series on transport facilitation and logistics development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(iii) Technical material: capacity and investment requirement of intermodal transport infrastructure (1); collection and dissemination of road safety statistics (1); ESCAP web page on transport (http://www.unescap.org/ttdw/index.asp) (biannual updating) (2); guidelines on establishment and strengthening of national facilitation coordination mechanisms (1); guidelines on regulatory environment in freight forwarding, multimodal transport and logistics (1); maps of the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway (2); scenario of sustainable transport development (1); statistical abstract of transport in the Asian and Pacific region (1); updating of web-based training materials on public-private partnerships (1); updating of the Geographical Information System (GIS) database on transport, the Asian Highway database and the Trans-Asian Railway database (1); updating of manual and software for transport policy planning (1); updating of time/cost-distance methodology for corridor analysis (1); updating of training material on multimodal transport and logistics (1); web-based guidelines on road safety improvement measures (1);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meeting on multimodal transport and logistics (30 participants) (1); meeting on sustainable transport development (30 participants) (1); meeting on the development and operationalization of intermodal interfaces and corridors (30 participants) (1); meeting to formulate and implement subregional and corridor-based transport facilitation agreements (30 participants) (1); meeting to promote regional cooperation in regard to transport facilitation (30 participants) (1); meeting to strengthen national capacity to improve intermodal transport planning (40 participants) (1); training courses on transport facilitation, multimodal transport and logistics (50 participants) (1); web-based training of public officials on infrastructure development through public-private partnerships (1); workshop on the development of public-private partnerships (30 participants) (1);

(ii) Field projects: technical cooperation project on the development of intermodal transport corridors (1); technical cooperation project on the improvement of roads and road safety (1); technical cooperation project on inclusive and sustainable transport development (1); technical cooperation project on public-private partnerships and off-budget resources (1); technical cooperation project on transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container-block trains and

truck caravans (1); technical cooperation project on transport and logistics, including the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway (1).

Table 18.17 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	5 981.6	5 981.6	28	28
Non-post	211.0	179.0	—	—
Subtotal	**6 192.6**	**6 160.6**	**28**	**28**
Extrabudgetary	950.0	1 000.0	2	2
Total	**7 142.6**	**7 160.6**	**30**	**30**

18.54 The amount of $6,160,600, reflecting a decrease of $32,000, comprises: (a) $5,981,600 for the funding of 28 posts (16 Professional and 12 Local level); and (b) $179,000 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $32,000 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise not available in the secretariat for the preparation of the biennial review of developments in transport in Asia and the Pacific, expert group meetings on preparations for the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport and on progress in road safety improvement in Asia and the Pacific, and external printing for the subprogramme's flagship publication, *Review of the Developments in Transport in Asia and the Pacific*.

18.55 The decrease of $32,000 in non-post requirements relates largely to the discontinuance of travel related to tourism activities as a result of the revision of the ESCAP programme structure, and the reduction in the number of hard-copy publications when they are published electronically.

18.56 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $1,000,000 will provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme to support: the ongoing implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific (Phase I: 2007-2011) which, inter alia, accords high priority to the promotion, development and upgrading of the Asian Highway; the promotion, development and operationalization of the Trans-Asian Railway; the development of intermodal transport infrastructure as an integral part of an international integrated intermodal transport system; the maintenance and management of transport infrastructure, including participation and financing by the private sector; the development of logistics service centres, including the promotion and development of inland container depots or dry ports; legal frameworks for international transport; integrated transport facilitation measures; and road safety. The extrabudgetary resources will contribute to the enhancement of the capacity of member countries to integrate inclusive and sustainable development in their transport policies and programmes. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011, reflecting a marginal increase of $50,000 from the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Subprogramme 4
Environment and development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,648,900

18.57 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Environment and Development Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 4 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.18 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve the environmental sustainability of economic development and effective management of energy and water resources in the ESCAP region in order to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, in particular the Millennium Development Goals.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened consensus among ESCAP member States on an increased number of issues related to environmentally sustainable economic growth	(a) Number of outcome documents that show agreement among ESCAP member States on issues related to environmentally sustainable economic growth *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 6 documents Estimate 2008-2009: 8 documents Target 2010-2011: 10 documents
(b) Improved awareness and understanding among policymakers in planning, finance and other relevant ministries and stakeholders in the ESCAP region on effective policy and programme options for promoting environmentally sustainable economic growth	(b) Percentage of participants in ESCAP activities indicating that they have an improved awareness and understanding of effective policy and programme options *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(c) Improved capacity of ESCAP member States to develop policy and programme options, including those with a poverty and gender dimension for promoting environmentally sustainable economic growth	(c) Percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that their level of competency in developing policies and programmes, including those with a poverty and gender dimension, has increased

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(d) Increased national capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate effective policies and strategies for the management and use of energy and water resources	(d) Increased percentage of participants in ESCAP activities who indicate that their level of competency in effective management and use of energy and water resources has increased *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 68 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent

External factors

18.58 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) regional economy, social and environmental conditions and trends will continue to be conducive to the promotion of environmentally sustainable economic growth patterns; (b) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries will remain stable; (c) governmental institutions and civil society organizations will have the necessary human and financial capabilities to ensure successful cooperation; and (d) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.59 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to environment and development (2);

(ii) Commission on Sustainable Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Asia-Pacific regional implementation meeting in preparation for the session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report on issues related to the Commission on Sustainable Development (1); report of the outcome of the Asia-Pacific regional implementation meeting to the Commission on Sustainable Development (1);

(iii) Committee on Environment and Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Environment and Development (1); report on major issues related to environment and development (1);

(iv) Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific (1); report on issues related to environment and development in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(v) Ad hoc expert groups: ad hoc expert group meeting to finalize the report on the state of the environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific (1); ad hoc expert group meeting on widening energy access and enhancing energy security to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific (1); expert group meeting on monitoring of investment and results in water management, in preparation for the Asia-Pacific Water Summit (1);

(vi) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: North-East Asian Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (NEASPEC) meeting of senior officials (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: energy resources development series: widening energy access and enhancing energy security to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific (1); greening of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific series (1); state of environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: *Environment and Sustainable Development Newsletter* (quarterly updating) (2);

(iii) Special events: World Habitat Day (2); World Water Day (2);

(iv) Technical material: development and utilization of a regional water database (1); ESCAP web page on environment and sustainable development (http://www.unescap.org/esd) (quarterly updating) (2); energy policy trends in Asia and the Pacific (2); guidelines on adaptation planning for the impact of climate change on water, with a focus on countries with special needs and vulnerable groups (1); guidelines on the development of eco-efficient water infrastructure for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (1); policy recommendation to the Asia-Pacific Water Summit on monitoring for investment and results (1); promotional material for a knowledge hub on transboundary water resources (1);

(v) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: regional inter-agency consultative meeting on good urban governance (2); regional coordination mechanism: thematic working group on environment and disaster management (environment component) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: capacity-building on policy options and measures to enhance energy security, to widen access to energy services to the poor with a focus on the gender dimension and the special needs of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, to improve energy efficiency and increase financing for sustainable energy development, and to integrate energy and rural development (120 participants) (triannual) (1); capacity development on climate change mitigation and adaptation of secondary cities and small towns, particularly through urban waste management (60 participants) (1); facilitation of transboundary energy cooperation and security at the subregional and regional levels (encompassing NEASPEC), capacity-building on measures to enhance

energy efficiency, and application and development of renewable energy technologies in Asia and the Pacific (80 participants) (1); green growth policy dialogues (40 participants) (1); policy advocacy and capacity-building on inclusive and sustainable cities for the twenty-first century, through the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum (100 participants) (1); policy advocacy and capacity-building in regard to developing a low-carbon society, energy and climate change, establishing a regional network for hydropower development and developing the sustainability of the energy sector industries (60 participants) (1); training in the application of green growth policy tools (40 participants) (1); workshop on integrated water resources management, including good practices in regard to water supply, sanitation and transboundary water management and their gender dimensions (40 participants) (1);

(ii) Field projects: application of guidelines for eco-efficient water infrastructure development (1); building the capacities of countries to implement innovative and gender-sensitive policies that address the inclusive and sustainable development of housing and urban settlements (1); development of capacities and implementation of policies to meet the Millennium Development Goals related to water and energy in urban areas of countries with special needs (1); regional cooperation on climate change (1); strengthening regional partnerships on the greening of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific, including the promotion of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth (1); subregional cooperation in the Asia and the Pacific for promoting environmental sustainability (encompassing NEASPEC) (1); Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment (1).

Table 18.19 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	6 176.3	6 453.2	30	31
Non-post	223.9	195.7	—	—
Subtotal	**6 400.2**	**6 648.9**	**30**	**31**
Extrabudgetary	5 730.0	5 250.0	1	2
Total	**12 130.2**	**11 898.9**	**31**	**33**

18.60 The amount of $6,648,900, reflecting a net increase of $248,700, comprises: (a) $6,453,200 for the funding of 31 posts (17 Professional and 14 Local level), reflecting a net increase of $276,900, due to the delayed impact of one P-3 post established in the biennium 2008-2009, and the inward redeployments of one P-4 post from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and one Local level post from executive direction and management, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-3 post to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction; and (b) $195,700 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $28,200 for, inter alia, expert group meetings on the state of environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific, on monitoring of investment and results in water management in preparation for the Asia-Pacific Water Summit, and on widening energy access and enhancing energy security to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific; travel of staff to meetings related to climate change, greening of economic growth, water, energy,

housing and development; and external printing for recurrent publications and for promotional materials on a knowledge hub on transboundary water resources.

18.61 The proposed inward redeployment of posts is intended to strengthen the ability of the subprogramme to address environmentally sustainable urban development issues, inter alia, engagement with key stakeholders, including networks of local governments and civil society associations, which was identified as a key lesson learned by the subprogramme during the 2006-2007 biennium, as well as to support analytical work on environmentally sustainable economic growth. The outward redeployment of one post is proposed to support the shift of responsibility for delivering the ESCAP programme of work in the area of disaster risk reduction from the Environment and Development Division to the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, under subprogramme 5.

18.62 The decrease of $28,200 in non-post requirements relates to reductions in consultancy services owing to more reliance on in-house expertise for the delivery of the work programme, a reduction in the number of publications and increased use of electronic dissemination.

18.63 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $5,250,000 will provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme and be used to implement activities to strengthen consensus among ESCAP member States on issues related to environmentally sustainable economic growth, and to improve the capacity of ESCAP member States to develop related policy and programme options. Further, in support of Commission resolution 63/6, concerning the implementation of intercountry energy cooperation to enhance energy security for sustainable development, and resolution 64/3, on promoting renewables for energy security and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, extrabudgetary resources will assist national capacity-building efforts for the implementation of effective policies and programmes on improving equitable access to energy, energy efficiency, clean and renewable energy, and effective management of energy resources, particularly for countries with special needs. Further, in support of meeting Millennium Development Goals 1 and 7, extrabudgetary resources will play a key role in activities to promote water security, enhanced access to water and sanitation and effective management of water resources, as well as to develop eco-efficient infrastructure and address climate change through the implementation of sustainable energy policies and programmes. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The decrease of $480,000, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is due to the reallocation of extrabudgetary resources under the Tsunami Trust Fund from this subprogramme to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, partly offset by an increase in the funding made available for environmentally sustainable urban development issues and poverty.

Subprogramme 5
Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,268,900

18.64 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Information and Communications Technology and Disaster Risk Reduction Division and is supported by the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT). The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 5 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.20 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen regional cooperation for the improved management of disasters and associated socio-economic risks and to promote application of information and communications technology for socio-economic development in the ESCAP region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased sharing of knowledge among ESCAP member States on policy options, strategies and best practices for information and communications technology (ICT) connectivity and for integrating multi-hazard disaster risk reduction into national development	(a) (i) Increased percentage of those participating in ESCAP activities on ICT connectivity and disaster risk reduction who indicate that knowledge-sharing within the region has increased *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent (ii) Increased number of policy practices in multi-hazard disaster risk reduction collected, documented, analysed and disseminated by ESCAP to member States *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 8 policy practices Estimate 2008-2009: 10 policy practices Target 2010-2011: 14 policy practices
(b) Strengthened regional cooperative mechanisms in support of ICT connectivity and disaster risk management	(b) (i) Increased number of ESCAP member States taking measures to enhance regional cooperative mechanisms promoted by ESCAP in support of ICT connectivity *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 5 ESCAP member States Estimate 2008-2009: 7 ESCAP member States Target 2010-2011: 7 ESCAP member States (ii) Increased number of ESCAP member States actively participating in regional cooperative mechanisms for disaster risk management fostered by ESCAP

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 10 ESCAP member States Estimate 2008-2009: 15 ESCAP member States Target 2010-2011: 20 ESCAP member States
(c) Improved capabilities of ESCAP member States in the field of multi-hazard assessment, preparedness, early warning and response to disaster risks	(c) Increased percentage of ESCAP member States participating in ESCAP activities that indicate that they are better able to assess, prepare for and respond to disaster risks *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 50 per cent Target 2010-2011: 60 per cent
(d) Improved institutional capacity of ESCAP member States to apply ICT for socio-economic development	(d) Increased percentage of participants benefiting from the work of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and from other ESCAP initiatives, including an increase in the number who indicate that they are better able to apply ICT for socio-economic development *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 75 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 85 per cent Target 2010-2011: 88 per cent

External factors

18.65 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) national economic, social and political conditions in the target countries will remain conducive to the promotion of long-term strategies for strengthening disaster preparedness and ICT applications for development; (b) member States and related organizations and initiatives will pursue international cooperation and coordination in regard to ICT and disaster risk reduction; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.66 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to ICT and disaster risk reduction (2); reports on the activities of APCICT, including the comprehensive review of its performance (2);

(ii) Committee on Information and Communications Technology:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (1); report on major issues related to ICT (1);

(iii) Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction (1); report on major issues related to disaster risk reduction (1);

(iv) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on ICT connectivity to promote inclusive economic and social development and accelerate poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific (1); expert group meeting on comprehensive multi-hazard management and early warning, including at the community level, in Asia and the Pacific (1); expert group meeting on enhancing regional cooperative mechanisms on space-based connectivity for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific (1); expert group meetings on ICT strategies, policies and applications in Asia and the Pacific (2) (extrabudgetary);

(v) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: APCICT Governing Council (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: organizational needs assessment of networks of cooperative mechanisms in disaster management and risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific (1); ICT for development for Asia and the Pacific (1);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: APCICT briefing note (biannually) (2); APCICT training programme brochures (2);

(iii) Special events: International Day for Disaster Reduction (2);

(iv) Technical material: analytical studies on the national and regional implementation of the Geneva Plan of Action of the World Summit on the Information Society, including gender dimensions (1); best practices in space and relevant ICT applications for disaster risk reduction that contribute to poverty reduction (1); best practices on the sustainability of ICT access points to promote inclusive economic and social development and poverty reduction (1); directory of national training institutes and their programme in ICT capacity development (1); ESCAP website on ICT, including ICT applications for the knowledge economy, and disaster risk reduction for knowledge management and sharing (http://www.unescap.org/icstd) (continuous updating) (2); guidebook on ICT project management (1); ICT for development case study series (2); national competency standard on building human capacity in relation to ICT (1); technical paper on needs assessment in relation to ICT training (2); technical paper on

compilation of good practices in regard to ICT capacity-building (1); technical paper on disaster and emergency communications systems in relation to improving disaster management and reducing socio-economic risks (1); technical paper on multi-hazard preparedness and early warning for improved disaster management and reduced socio-economic risks, taking into account gender perspectives (1); working paper series on socio-economic aspects of disasters and related policy practices for multi-hazard risk reduction (1); e-collaborative hub: a site for online convergence to strengthen capacities in the use of ICT for development (http://www.unapcict.org/ecohub) (continuous updating) (1);

(v) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme (2); Panel on Tropical Cyclones (2); regional inter-agency working group on ICT (2); Typhoon Committee (2); regional coordination mechanism: thematic working group on environment and disaster management (disaster management component) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: regional workshop on a network of networks for disaster information sharing (30 participants) (1); regional workshops on development and sharing of space-based ICT infrastructure and resources for development and poverty reduction, including Pacific connectivity (40 participants) (1); subregional forum on policy practices in multi-hazard disaster risk reduction, including through community e-centres (40 participants) (1); training courses on space applications for disaster management (32 participants) (1); workshop on national and regional comparative analysis on the development of human capacity in relation to ICT (30 participants) (1);

(ii) Field projects: capacity-building in multi-hazard disaster management and socio-economic assessment of disaster impacts, in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the World Bank (1); capacity-building of senior government officials in regard to ICT applications for development, through the APCICT Academy of ICT Essentials for Government Leaders (1); space applications for development and disaster management (1).

Table 18.21 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	4 899.4	5 113.5	21	24
Non-post	172.8	155.4	—	—
Subtotal	**5 072.2**	**5 268.9**	**21**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	4 124.8	4 900.0	21	13
Total	**9 197.0**	**10 168.9**	**42**	**37**

18.67 The amount of $5,268,900, reflecting a net increase of $196,700, comprises: (a) $5,113,500 for the funding of 24 posts (14 Professional and 10 Local level), reflecting a net increase of $214,100, due to the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from subprogramme 4, Environment and development,

and three Local level posts, namely, one from executive direction and management and two from programme support, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-5 post to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment; and (b) $155,400 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net decrease of $17,400 for, inter alia: consultants to provide expertise in specialized areas not available in the secretariat, such as in space-based ICT connectivity for sustainable development; expert group meetings on ICT connectivity to promote inclusive economic and social development and accelerate poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific, on enhancing the regional cooperation mechanism on space-based connectivity for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, and on comprehensive multi-hazard management and early warning, including at the community level, in Asia and the Pacific; travel of staff to undertake consultations with ESCAP member countries on issues related to ICT and disaster risk reduction.

18.68 The net increase of $214,100 in post requirements reflects the proposed redeployments, which are intended to strengthen the research and administrative support to this subprogramme in view of the mandate given by the Commission, in resolution 64/2, to strengthen the capacity of ESCAP work in the area of disaster risk reduction, and the Commission's decision to relocate the work of APCTT to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment, in order to emphasize work on the affordable transfer of technologies for increased regional and international trade, using a South-South cooperative approach.

18.69 The net decrease of $17,400 in non-post requirements is the result of reductions for consultancy services and for external printing, owing to a reduction in the number of publications and the increased use of electronic online publications, partly offset by increased requirements for travel of staff due additional travel in relation to the disaster risk reduction activities as part of the Commission's request for the secretariat to strengthen this area of work.

18.70 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $4,900,000 will provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme. In the area of disaster risk reduction, extrabudgetary resources will support the implementation of technical cooperation work for the implementation of Commission resolution 64/2, on regional cooperation in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters in Asia and the Pacific. These include capacity-building workshops on multi-hazard disaster risk reduction, space applications for disaster management and collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the World Bank in regard to multi-hazard disaster management and socio-economic assessment of disaster impacts. In the area of information and communications technology, extrabudgetary resources will support the organization of projects on ICT for socio-economic development and provide the means for APCICT to implement training programmes for government officials on ICT applications for development, disseminate analyses of human resource development in ICT, and provide advisory services in connection with a range of ICT capacity-building areas. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The net increase of $775,200, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is due to: (a) the reallocation of resources under the Tsunami Trust Fund from subprogramme 4, Environment and development, to this subprogramme and an expected increase in extrabudgetary resources to further strengthen the role and capacity of ESCAP in the area of disaster risk reduction, including through South-South cooperation; and (b) estimated increased staff costs and project expenditures for APCICT, based in Incheon, Republic of Korea, partly offset by the decision of the Commission to shift the work of APCTT from this subprogramme to subprogramme 2, Trade and investment.

Subprogramme 6
Social development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,969,400

18.71 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Social Development Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 6 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.22 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen cooperation in the ESCAP region in order that member States may build more inclusive societies through social and financial policies and measures that promote social protection and development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective facilitation of regional reviews to assess progress, address gaps, identify and build consensus on priority areas for action in the implementation of commitments agreed at United Nations intergovernmental processes pertaining to social development, population, ageing, disability, gender equality and health	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that activities organized by ESCAP to review the implementation of global mandates are relevant and useful, and that their agreed outcomes reflect regional concerns and priorities *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 68 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent
(b) Enhanced awareness of policy options, strategies and good practices in social policy and protection, including those with a focus on poverty reduction	(b) (i) Increased number of analytical studies on policy options, strategies and good practices produced by ESCAP and made available to member States *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 26 analytical studies Estimate 2008-2009: 28 analytical studies Target 2010-2011: 30 analytical studies (ii) Increased demand for ESCAP information on policy, practice, analysis and data products available at the Division's website

	Performance measures: 2006-2007: 480,000 downloads Estimate 2008-2009: 490,000 downloads Target 2010-2011: 500,000 downloads
(c) Strengthened capacity and increased technical cooperation among ESCAP member States in developing and implementing social policies and financing aimed at building inclusive societies, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality	(c) (i) Increased percentage of participants in activities organized by ESCAP who indicate that the knowledge and policy tools provided are relevant and useful for building inclusive societies, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 65 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent (ii) Increased number of gender-responsive technical cooperation initiatives among member States facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 2 initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 3 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 4 initiatives

External factors

18.72 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) relevant stakeholders at the national level will be prepared to provide the information necessary for the secretariat to review regional progress in the implementation of commitments agreed at United Nations intergovernmental processes pertaining to social development, population, ageing, disability, gender equality and health; (b) national institutions will be willing to pursue regional cooperation to build more inclusive societies; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.73 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to social development, covering social policy

and population, social protection and social justice, and gender equality and empowerment (2);

(ii) Committee on Social Development:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Social Development (1); report on issues related to social development, covering social policy and population, social protection and social justice, gender equality and empowerment, youth employment, and the social aspects of food security and safety (1);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: emerging critical areas for the implementation of the outcomes of the review in 2010 of the Beijing Platform for Action (1); expert group meeting on social protection policies for emerging risks in Asia and the Pacific (1); regional cooperation and partnerships for the implementation of the outcomes of the review in 2010 of the Beijing Platform for Action (1); regional review of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (1); regional review of the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* (6); Asia-Pacific gender equality report (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Asia-Pacific population and social studies series (2);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: information kit on the review of the Beijing Platform for Action (1); information materials on gender and development (2); information materials on social protection and social justice (2); population datasheet (2);

(iv) Special events: International Women's Day (2); promotional events on social issues (2);

(v) Technical material: database on social development policies and good practices (updated biannually) (1); ESCAP web page on social development (http://www.unescap.org/esid) (updated triannually) (2); regional survey on ageing in preparation for the follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (1); regional survey on the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (1); survey on disability in preparation for the end of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012 (1); e-working paper series on social development, including social protection and social justice and gender equality and empowerment (2);

(vi) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Biwako Millennium Framework Stakeholders' Meeting (2); regional coordination mechanism: thematic working group on gender equality and empowerment of women (2); regional coordination mechanism: thematic working group on international migration, including human trafficking (biannually) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Training courses, seminars and workshops: capacity development training series for national women machineries (20 participants) (1); capacity-building series on social protection and social justice: seminar on an enabling environment for social protection (30 participants) (1); capacity-building series on social protection and social justice: social determinants of health, including strengthening capacity for health financing

(30 participants) (1); population and poverty training series: seminar on international migration and development (20 participants) (1); population and poverty training series: workshop on population, poverty and development (10 participants) (1);

(ii) Field projects: achievements and challenges in advancing the agenda of Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the context of Asia and the Pacific (1); approaches to social justice (1); capacity-building in regard to health issues, including health systems (1); capacity development in combating violence against women (1); capacity-building projects on follow-up to the Biwako Millennium Framework (1); gender dimensions of emerging development challenges (1); promoting good practices in social development by means of regional networks (1); implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: regional and global outcomes (1); population dynamics and its interlinkages with poverty and development (1); promoting gender-responsive budgeting (1); social impact of emerging risks and challenges (1); role of a rights-based approach to poverty reduction (1); tools for monitoring and evaluation of social protection strategies (1).

Table 18.23 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	6 499.6	6 756.4	31	33
Non-post	245.1	213.0	—	—
Subtotal	**6 744.7**	**6 969.4**	**31**	**33**
Extrabudgetary	2 275.2	2 500.0	7	2
Total	**9 019.9**	**9 469.4**	**38**	**35**

18.74 The amount of $6,969,400, reflecting a net increase of $224,700, comprises: (a) $6,756,400 for the funding of 33 posts (19 Professional and 14 Local level), reflecting a net increase of $256,800, due to the inward redeployment of one P-3 post from executive direction and management, and one P-2 and one Local-level post from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, partly offset by the outward redeployment of one P-4 post to executive direction and management; and (b) $213,000 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $32,100 for, inter alia: consultants for the provision of expertise in specialized areas not available in the secretariat; expert group meetings on the implementation of the outcomes of the review in 2010 of the Beijing Platform for Action, the regional review of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five, and social protection policies for emerging risks in Asia and the Pacific; travel of staff to undertake consultation with government officials and other stakeholders; and external printing for various publications and materials.

18.75 The proposed redeployment of posts are intended to support the mainstreaming of gender equality in the work of the Commission and to ensure a more systematic and multisectoral approach to addressing poverty issues, as emphasized by the Commission in its resolution 64/1. The decrease of $32,100 in non-post requirements is the result of, inter alia, reductions for consultancy services owing to more reliance on in-house expertise, and for external printing owing to a reduction in the number of publications and the increased use of electronic online publications.

18.76 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $2,500,000 will provide practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme and will enable the secretariat to expand the regional outreach of its services through publications, regional workshops and training courses to build national capacity and foster regional cooperation in priority areas identified by the legislative bodies. In the biennium, efforts will be directed towards the promotion of social protection and social justice and the implementation of Commission resolution 64/8, on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific. Extrabudgetary resources will also support capacity-building in combating violence against women and gender mainstreaming. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The increase of $224,800, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is due to the reallocation of extrabudgetary resources earmarked for the promotion of poverty reduction from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, to this subprogramme, especially for carrying out activities related to the promotion of social protection and social justice, and an increase in funding made available to support the mainstreaming of gender equality in the work of the Commission.

Subprogramme 7
Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): $4,795,000

18.77 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Statistics Division and is supported by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 7 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Table 18.24 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To increase the use of statistics for evidence-based decision-making and foster the development and dissemination of key demographic, social, economic and environmental statistics in the ESCAP region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding and capacity to assess key socio-economic trends in the ESCAP region, especially progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, by national official statisticians, decision makers and the public	(a) Percentage of national statisticians and decision makers who indicate that they found ESCAP analytical outputs relevant and useful for monitoring key socio-economic trends and making decisions on related policies *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 60 per cent

(b) Increased access by decision makers and the public to comparable data on key demographic, social, economic and environmental indicators for the ESCAP region	(b) Increased access to online statistical data provided by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 980 per month (monthly average number of tables of indicators requested from the online database) Estimate 2008-2009: 1,000 per month (monthly average number of tables of indicators requested from the online database) Target 2010-2011: 1,020 per month (monthly average number of tables of indicators requested from the online database)
(c) Increased capacity of ESCAP member States to produce comparable and gender-disaggregated data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices	(c) Percentage of participants in relevant ESCAP activities who indicate that they were able to apply the knowledge gained in improving the provision of comparable and gender-disaggregated data *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 60 per cent
(d) Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in the ESCAP region to produce, disseminate and analyse data in accordance with internationally agreed standards and good practices	(d) Increased percentage of trainees at the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific who indicate that they are better able to take measures to improve the quality of data and services provided by national statistical systems *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 55 per cent Estimate 2008-2009: 60 per cent Target 2010-2011: 65 per cent

External factors

18.78 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) national institutions and local authorities will be willing to collaborate and provide relevant information; (b) member States will give priority to the compilation of data for monitoring progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals; and (c) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities.

Outputs

18.79 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: parliamentary documentation: reports on issues related to statistics (2); reports on issues related to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2);

(ii) Committee on Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Committee on Statistics (1); report on issues related to the development, analysis and use of official statistics (1);

(iii) Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meeting on data analysis for poverty reduction and other related pro-Millennium Development Goal policies, including gender equality (1); expert group meeting on technical solutions for the dissemination of national official statistics in the ESCAP region (1); expert group meeting on the development of new recommendations and guidelines for the Asian and Pacific region in the area of economic, social or environmental statistics (1);

(iv) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific* (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Millennium Development Goals: report for Asia and the Pacific (1); report on social, economic and environmental development in a selected subregion of Asia and the Pacific (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: *Statistical Newsletter* (quarterly) (2);

(iv) Technical material: ad hoc statistical information on the region, including on the least developed and landlocked developing countries (2); ESCAP website on statistics (http://www.unescap.org/stat) (weekly updating) (2); regional database on socio-economic and environmental indicators, including gender and poverty indicators (2); statistical outputs in support of ESCAP flagship publications (biannually) (2); studies on development indicators that capture aspects specific to countries with special needs, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals (2); web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to regional technical cooperation projects, seminars and workshops developed by the ESCAP Statistics Division (1); web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops developed by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (2); website on the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific (http://www.mdgasiapacific.org/) (monthly update) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary): training courses, seminars and workshops: distance training, using technology of the Japan International Cooperation Agency, on country-identified issues regarding official statistics (400 participants) (1); regional and subregional workshops on strengthening national statistical institutions, with special reference to the statistical master plan (35 participants) (1); regional and subregional management seminars for heads, deputy heads and middle-level managers (150 participants) (1); regional and

subregional seminars and workshops on making official statistics available for data users and communicating statistics to various audiences (50 participants) (1); regional and subregional seminars and workshops on the development and implementation of international statistical standards and guidelines for population and housing censuses and household surveys (35 participants) (1); regional and subregional workshops for statistical offices on data requirements for disaster preparedness and impact assessment (35 participants) (1); regional and subregional workshops on economic and environmental statistics, including national accounts (50 participants) (1); regional and subregional workshops on social statistics, including social inclusion and social protection, with special reference to the Millennium Development Goals (70 participants) (1); regional and subregional training courses, workshops and seminars on social statistics, including poverty statistics, gender statistics, health and disability statistics and statistics on migration (200 participants) (1); research-based training programme (30 participants) (1); regional and subregional training courses, workshops and seminars on integrated economic statistics, including the System of National Accounts (150 participants) (1); subregional and national seminars, workshops and training courses on various aspects of official statistics, including environment and energy statistics (120 participants) (1); subregional and national workshops, training courses and seminars on country-identified issues related to official statistics (100 participants) (1); Tokyo-based training courses and regional and subregional training courses, workshops and seminars on the collection, compilation, processing, analysis, and dissemination of broad-based official statistics (250 participants) (1).

Table 18.25 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	3 845.3	4 609.8	21	24
Non-post	162.5	185.2	—	—
Subtotal	**4 007.8**	**4 795.0**	**21**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	5 450.0	5 700.0	10	11
Total	**9 457.8**	**10 495.0**	**31**	**35**

18.80 The amount of $4,795,000, representing a net increase of $787,200, comprises: (a) $4,609,800 for the funding of 24 posts (12 Professional and 12 Local level), reflecting an increase of $764,500, due to the inward redeployment of one P-5 post from executive direction and management, one P-4 post from subprogramme 1, Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development, and one Local level post from programme support; and (b) $185,200 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net increase of $22,700 for, inter alia, consultants to provide expertise on statistical issues, including the most recent developments in methodologies used in relation to the Millennium Development Goals; expert group meetings on technical solutions for the dissemination of national official statistics in the ESCAP region, on data analysis for poverty reduction and other related pro-Millennium Development Goal policies, including gender equality, and on the development of new recommendations and/or guidelines for the Asian and Pacific region in the area of economic, social or environmental statistics; travel of staff to attend consultative meetings of the inter-agency and expert group on Millennium Development Goal indicators; and external printing, including of the subprogramme's flagship publication, *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific*.

18.81 The proposed redeployment of posts is intended to strengthen the analytical work of the secretariat, particularly that related to reporting on the status of the least developed and landlocked developing countries in meeting the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

18.82 The net increase of $22,700 in non-post requirements is the result of increased requirements for consultancy services for the preparation of a flagship publication and a planned additional expert group meeting, partly offset by decreased requirements for external printing in view of the decision to limit the production of the Statistical Yearbook to one issue per biennium.

18.83 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $5,700,000 will provide valuable, practical, on-the-ground experience which will feed into the core normative and analytical work of the subprogramme, in response to Commission resolution 62/10, on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific. Extrabudgetary resources will enable the secretariat, including the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, to strengthen national capacity to: collect, compile, process, analyse, disseminate and use official statistics; to monitor progress towards development goals and the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; to develop and implement international statistical standards in the region; and to share information and good practices among statistical offices. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects. The increase of $250,000, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is mainly due to an estimated increase in staff costs in relation to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, based in Chiba, Japan, as well as an expected increase in support for ESCAP work in reporting on the status of the least developed and landlocked developing countries in meeting the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Subprogramme 8
Subregional activities for development

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,686,800

18.84 Substantive responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the ESCAP subregional offices for the Pacific, East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, and South and South-West Asia, in cooperation with the concerned divisions at ESCAP headquarters. Responsibility for overall coordination is vested in the Office of the Executive Secretary. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy detailed under subprogramme 8 of programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

Component 1: subregional activities for development in the Pacific

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,501,900

Table 18.26 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote inclusive and sustainable development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on the specific priorities of ESCAP member States in the Pacific.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement economic and social development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in the Pacific	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in formulating and implementing policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in the Pacific *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 70 per cent Target 2010-2011: 75 per cent
(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge-sharing among member States, civil society and other relevant development partners to address key priority areas in the Pacific in order to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(b) (i) Increased number of collaborative initiatives involving member States, civil society or other key development partners from the Pacific facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 1 initiative Estimate 2008-2009: 3 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 5 initiatives (ii) Increased number of partner institutions from the Pacific participating in knowledge-sharing platforms that are managed by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: 1 partner institution Target 2010-2011: 2 partner institutions

External factors

18.85 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) key partners will be willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities; and (c) member States in the subregion will make available ICT infrastructure and facilities in support of subregional knowledge-sharing.

Outputs

18.86 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific:

(i) Parliamentary documentation: report on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues of Pacific island developing countries (1);

(ii) Ad hoc expert groups: regional review of the progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (1); review of policy options to address emerging development issues in the Pacific (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Pacific Perspectives* (1);

(ii) Technical material: web page of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (http://www.unescap.org/EPOC/) (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary): field projects: building partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals among Pacific island developing countries, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (1); Pacific island knowledge e-centre on economic and social policy development and programme implementation (1).

Table 18.27 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8, component 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	3 173.4	2 142.7	21	9
Non-post	1 091.8	359.2	—	—
Subtotal	**4 265.2**	**2 501.9**	**21**	**9**
Extrabudgetary	200.0	200.0	1	—
Total	**4 465.2**	**2 701.9**	**22**	**9**

18.87 The amount of $2,501,900, representing a net decrease of $1,763,300, comprises: (a) $2,142,700 for the funding of nine posts (6 Professional and 3 Local level), reflecting a net decrease of $1,030,700, due to the outward redeployment of 12 posts (2 D-1, 3 P-5, 2 P-4, 1 P-3, 2 P-2, 1 Local level, 1 National Officer) to the subregional offices of East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia, and South and South-West Asia, partly offset by the delayed impact of two Professional posts established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, effective 1 January 2009; and (b) $359,200 for non-post requirements, reflecting a decrease of $732,600 for, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings, travel of staff, contractual services and other general operating requirements.

18.88 The proposed redeployment of posts and non-post resources is intended to align the structure of subprogramme 8 with the introduction of five components, namely, the five subregional offices, as outlined in programme 15 of the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011.

18.89 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $200,000, which are at maintenance level, will strengthen partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the Pacific, and the capacity to assess the progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Component 2: subregional activities for development in East and North-East Asia

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,516,800

Table 18.28 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote inclusive and sustainable development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on the specific priorities of ESCAP member States in East and North-East Asia.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement economic and social development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in East and North-East Asia	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in formulating and implementing policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in East and North-East Asia *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent

(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge-sharing among member States, civil society and other relevant development partners to address key priority areas in East and North-East Asia to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(b) (i) Increased number of collaborative initiatives involving member States, civil society or other key development partners from East and North-East Asia facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 2 initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 3 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 4 initiatives (ii) Increased number of partner institutions from East and North-East Asia participating in knowledge-sharing platforms that are managed by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 2 partner institutions

External factors

18.90 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) key partners will be willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities; and (c) member States in the subregion will make available ICT infrastructure and facilities in support of subregional knowledge-sharing.

Outputs

18.91 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Ad hoc intergovernmental meeting for East and North-East Asia:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the ad hoc intergovernmental meeting on economic and social development policy and programme priorities for East and North-East Asia (1); report on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in East and North-East Asia (1);

(ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: North-East Asian Subregional Programme of Environmental Cooperation (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget): technical material: web page on knowledge-sharing in regard to economic and social development policy and good practices in East and North-East Asia (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): field projects: building partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in countries of East and North-East Asia (1); capacity-building for government officials in East and North-East Asia in key development sectors: statistics, environment, energy and infrastructure development (1).

Table 18.29 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8, component 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	—	1 269.3	—	4
Non-post	—	247.5	—	—
Subtotal	**—**	**1 516.8**	**—**	**4**
Extrabudgetary	—	350.0	—	—
Total	**—**	**1 866.8**	**—**	**4**

18.92 The amount of $1,516,800 comprises: (a) $1,269,300 for the funding of four Professional posts redeployed from the subregional office for the Pacific; and (b) $247,500 for non-post requirements for, inter alia, consultants, expert group meetings, travel of staff, contractual services and other general operating requirements. It also includes the delayed impact of three Professional posts established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, effective 1 January 2009.

18.93 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $350,000 will strengthen partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in East and North-East Asia and build capacity in key development sectors, including statistics, environment, energy and infrastructure development. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Component 3: subregional activities for development in North and Central Asia

Resource requirements (before recosting): $991,400

Table 18.30 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote inclusive and sustainable development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on the specific priorities of ESCAP member States in North and Central Asia.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement economic and social development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in North and Central Asia	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in formulating and implementing policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in North and Central Asia *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge-sharing among member States, civil society and other relevant development partners to address key priority areas in North and Central Asia to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(b) (i) Increased number of collaborative initiatives involving member States, civil society or other key development partners from North and Central Asia facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 1 initiative Estimate 2008-2009: 2 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 3 initiatives (ii) Increased number of partner institutions from North and Central Asia participating in knowledge-sharing platforms that are managed by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 2 partner institutions

External factors

18.94 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) key partners will be willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities; and (c) member States in the subregion will make available ICT infrastructure and facilities in support of subregional knowledge-sharing.

Outputs

18.95 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Ad hoc intergovernmental meeting for North and Central Asia:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the ad hoc intergovernmental meeting on economic and social development policy and programme priorities for North and Central Asia (1); report on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in North and Central Asia (1);

(ii) Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Governing Council of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget): technical material: web page on knowledge-sharing in regard to economic and social development policy and good practices in North and Central Asia (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): field projects: ESCAP-ECE joint implementation of the SPECA cooperation strategy to promote the rational and effective use of water and energy resources (1); implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries (1).

Table 18.31 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8, component 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	—	743.9	—	3
Non-post	—	247.5	—	—
Subtotal	**—**	**991.4**	**—**	**3**
Extrabudgetary	—	400.0	—	—
Total	**—**	**1 391.4**	**—**	**3**

18.96 The amount of $991,400 comprises: (a) $743,900 for the funding of three posts (2 Professional and 1 National Officer), redeployed from the subregional office for the Pacific; and (b) $247,500 for non-post requirements for, inter alia, expert group meetings to provide expertise for a background

paper on emerging economic and social development issues in North and Central Asia, travel of staff, contractual services to maintain the information technology structure of the office and other general operating requirements. It also includes the delayed impact of one Professional and one National Officer post established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, effective 1 January 2009.

18.97 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $400,000 will strengthen partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in North and Central Asia and support the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action and the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Component 4: subregional activities for development in South and South-West Asia

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,667,100

Table 18.32 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote inclusive and sustainable development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on the specific priorities of ESCAP member States in South and South-West Asia.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement economic and social development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in South and South-West Asia	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in formulating and implementing policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in South and South-West Asia *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge-sharing among member States, civil society and other relevant development partners in addressing key priority areas in South and South-West Asia to support the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(b) (i) Increased number of collaborative initiatives involving member States and civil society or other key development partners from South and South-West Asia facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 1 initiative Estimate 2008-2009: 2 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 3 initiatives

(ii) Increased number of partner institutions from South and South-West Asia participating in knowledge-sharing platforms that are managed by ESCAP

Performance measures:

2006-2007: not applicable

Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable

Target 2010-2011: 2 partner institutions

External factors

18.98 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) key partners will be willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities; and (c) member States in the subregion will make available ICT infrastructure and facilities in support of subregional knowledge-sharing.

Outputs

18.99 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): ad hoc intergovernmental meeting for South and South-West Asia:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: plenary sessions (4);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: report of the ad hoc intergovernmental meeting on economic and social development policy and programme priorities for South and South-West Asia (1); report on policy and programme options to address emerging economic and social development issues in South and South-West Asia (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget): technical material: web page on knowledge-sharing in regard to economic and social development policy and good practices in South and South-West Asia (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): field projects: building partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in countries of South and South-West Asia (1).

Table 18.33 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8, component 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	—	1 419.6	—	5
Non-post	—	247.5	—	—
Subtotal	—	**1 667.1**	—	**5**
Extrabudgetary	—	300.0	—	—
Total	—	**1 967.1**	—	**5**

18.100 The amount of $1,667,100 comprises: (a) $1,419,600 for the funding of five posts (4 Professional and 1 Local level), redeployed from the subregional office for the Pacific; and (b) $247,500 for non-post requirements for, inter alia, expert group meetings, travel of staff and other general operating requirements. It also includes the delayed impact of three Professional posts and one Local-level post established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, effective 1 January 2009.

18.101 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $300,000 will strengthen partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in South and South-West Asia, with special focus on Millennium Development Goal tracking, poverty reduction and gender mainstreaming. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

Component 5: subregional activities for development in South-East Asia

Resource requirements (before recosting): $9,600

Table 18.34 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote inclusive and sustainable development and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, focusing on the specific priorities of ESCAP member States in South-East Asia.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of ESCAP member States to formulate and implement economic and social development policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in South-East Asia	(a) Increased percentage of participants who indicate that they found ESCAP activities relevant and useful in formulating and implementing policies and programmes, including those with a gender dimension, to address key priority areas in South-East Asia *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: not applicable Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable Target 2010-2011: 70 per cent
(b) Strengthened partnerships and knowledge-sharing among member States, civil society and other relevant development partners in addressing key priority areas in South-East Asia in support of the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals	(b) (i) Increased number of collaborative initiatives involving member States, civil society or other key development partners from South-East Asia facilitated by ESCAP *Performance measures*: 2006-2007: 2 initiatives Estimate 2008-2009: 3 initiatives Target 2010-2011: 4 initiatives

(ii) Increased number of partner institutions from South-East Asia participating in knowledge-sharing platforms that are managed by ESCAP

Performance measures:

2006-2007: not applicable

Estimate 2008-2009: not applicable

Target 2010-2011: 2 partner institutions

External factors

18.102 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) key partners will be willing to provide information and cooperate in joint programmes; (b) adequate extrabudgetary resources will be mobilized to ensure the necessary outreach and depth of technical cooperation activities; and (c) member States in the subregion will make available ICT infrastructure and facilities in support of subregional knowledge-sharing.

Outputs

18.103 During the biennium 2010-2011, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Technical material: web page on knowledge-sharing in regard to economic and social development policy and good practices in South-East Asia (2);

(ii) Contribution to joint outputs: reports on economic and social challenges facing ASEAN countries (2);

(b) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): field projects: building partnerships for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in South-East Asia (1); good practices for multi-hazard early warning systems (1); South-South cooperation mechanisms for disaster risk reduction (1).

Table 18.35 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8, component 5**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	—	—	—	—
Non-post	—	9.6	—	—
Subtotal	**—**	**9.6**	**—**	**—**
Extrabudgetary	—	150.0	—	1
Total	**—**	**159.6**	**—**	**1**

18.104 The amount of $9,600 relates to non-post requirements for travel of staff for consultations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on technical issues and contractual services for

the production of the report on economic and social challenges facing countries members of ASEAN.

18.105 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $150,000 will contribute towards the strengthening of partnerships to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including tracking progress on their achievement, and to promote the sharing of good practices for multi-hazard early warning systems and South-South cooperation for disaster risk reduction. The extrabudgetary resources projected for the biennium 2010-2011 are based on the known and projected level of funding at the time of budget submission for new and existing continuing projects.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $38,421,300

18.106 Programme support is under the responsibility of: (a) the Programme Management Division, in respect of functions related to programme planning and budgeting, financial management of the utilization of the resources of ESCAP, programme monitoring and evaluation, technical cooperation management and trust fund administration, inter-agency coordination, partnerships and servicing of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission; (b) the Administrative Services Division, in respect of functions related to financial management services, human resources management, information, communication and technology management, conference management, general support services, language and editorial services; and (c) the Library. The allocation of responsibilities among these entities is as follows:

(a) The Programme Management Division will continue to accord priority to improving support to strengthen strategic planning and programming processes; promote full and effective utilization of the financial resources of ESCAP; strengthen monitoring and evaluation systems; enhance the planning of technical cooperation programmes and administration of trust funds; build effective partnerships with development partners; promote United Nations system-wide coherence at the regional level; and provide effective support to and servicing of the sessions of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission;

(b) The Administrative Services Division will continue to accord priority to improving support to enhance the achievement of human resources indicators and implementation of the Secretary-General's human resources management reform initiatives in order to create a more mobile, versatile and multi-skilled workforce through effective workforce planning, skilful management of staff development resources and efficient administration of entitlements and compensation; strengthen efficiency in the management of information technology resources, as well as further upgrading technological infrastructure for the roll-out of enterprise resource planning, enterprise content management and customer relationship management systems; strengthen the management of financial resources through the conduct of thorough approval processes for all accounts, ensuring accuracy of payment procedures, including payroll, and preparing for the SAS roll-out of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards; ensure the effective maintenance of building facilities, the provision of travel, procurement and central support services; strengthen the efficient utilization of the conference facilities; and continue to provide editorial services, translation services and interpretation services in the four official United Nations languages;

(c) The Library provides information services to the entire secretariat and to delegations, as well as to outside users; these services encompass the collection of books, journals and materials related to the work of the substantive divisions, the collection of parliamentary documentation, meeting reports and documents and electronic access to documents and publications through the World Wide Web.

Outputs

18.107 The outputs of the Programme Management Division include the following:

(a) *Programme planning, budget and evaluation*. Provision of policy guidance, including interpretation of the regulations, rules and directives governing programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, to ESCAP substantive divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions; overall coordination and management of the formulation of the strategic frameworks, programme budgets and programme of work of ESCAP; overall management and monitoring of the utilization of the financial resources of ESCAP, including budgetary performance reporting; central authority for certification of expenditures in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations; issuance of allotments, allocations and grants and management of special accounts; monitoring of the implementation of the programme of work, including provision of guidance and support on the Integrated Monitoring and Documentation Information System and in regard to programme performance reporting; management and conduct of strategic evaluations and provision of quality assurance support for evaluative reviews, including support for the development of management responses to evaluation outcomes; provision of training on results-based management tools and methodologies; promoting cooperation among programme planning offices of the regional commissions and with other entities members of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs in regard to joint programming, coordination and harmonization of work; servicing of the Commission's Committee of the Whole in relation to management issues, including programme planning, monitoring and evaluation; servicing of the Commission's working group on draft resolutions; servicing of sessions of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission and its subsidiary working groups; servicing of audits, evaluations and inspections carried out by the Office of Internal Oversight Services with respect to areas under the purview of the Division;

(b) *Management of technical cooperation programmes and funds*. Provision of policy guidance and programme management support to ESCAP substantive divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions in regard to the development and implementation of all technical cooperation programmes; management of the implementation of memorandums of agreement with development partners; management of the programme and project appraisal and approval processes; establishment and management of technical cooperation trust funds, including reporting arrangements; provision of procedural advice on technical cooperation and trust fund agreements; analysis of development assistance, donor trends and organization of consultations with donors and partners; inter-agency coordination with other United Nations and affiliated partners, including provision of secretariat services for the Asia-Pacific regional coordination mechanism and heads of agency meeting; provision of inputs, as a non-resident agency, for the United Nations development assistance frameworks and other related processes to ensure linkages with the work of the United Nations country teams; servicing of the annual sessions of the Commission in relation to technical cooperation issues, including pledging of contributions; development and implementation of resource mobilization strategies for technical cooperation; and management of the regular programme of technical cooperation and the United Nations Development Account.

18.108 The outputs of the Administrative Services Division include the following:

(a) *Overall management*. Provision of management and coordination of all activities carried out by the Division; policy formulation in the area of utilization of human, financial, infrastructure and technology resources; establishment of managerial and administrative guidelines; negotiations towards and maintenance of effective host country relations; provision of organizational guidance and support in regard to the hosting of meetings, conferences, visits by dignitaries etc.;

(b) *Human resources management*. Provision of advice in the interpretation of staff regulations, rules, policies and procedures; strategic advice relating to workforce planning, staff development, career development, talent management, retention and separation, with a view to creating a mobile, versatile workforce that exhibits the skills needed to achieve corporate goals and organizational effectiveness; engagement of consultants and individual contractors; provision of occupational health services, including leadership in promoting and maintaining organizational responses to potential pandemics; administration of allowances and benefits;

(c) *Financial services*. Provision of advice in the interpretation of financial regulations, rules, policies and procedures; provision of advice relating to maximizing the cost-effectiveness of resources in areas under the purview of the Division and the utilization of financial services provided by other United Nations partners; management of relationships with the banking sector; execution of financial approval functions in accordance with established policy; maintenance of all accounts and issuance of financial statements; generation of all financial payments, including payroll and payments to vendors and other third parties; treasury services, in consultation with Treasury at Headquarters; monitoring and control of utilization of the Division's financial resources; maintenance of effective relationships with internal and external auditors and follow-through on the implementation of audit recommendations;

(d) *Information, communications and technology management*. Provision of advice in the supply and utilization of information technology, giving due consideration to corporate ICT strategy, including the mandatory replacement and maintenance of software, hardware and telecommunications equipment, and development and maintenance of local software applications; collaboration and coordination of business requirements with Headquarters in regard to new, centrally developed applications, such as enterprise resource planning, enterprise content management and customer relationship management; in collaboration with Headquarters, implementation of the United Nations-wide enterprise data centre; augmentation of existing infrastructure to support secure remote access to internal data; implementation of a comprehensive disaster recovery strategy; maintenance of compliance with ISO 27001; collaboration and implementation of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology; provision of ongoing operations support, including support for and maintenance of the Integrated Management Information System;

(e) *General support services*. Provision of cost-effective management and maintenance of all building facilities, including advice on feasibility assessment, design and implementation of major repairs, renovations and/or construction initiatives; provision of procurement and travel services, including advice on the implementation of the procedures governing procurement and official travel entitlements; ensuring effective storage and inventory management, mail, pouch and courier services;

(f) *Conference management*. Management of the United Nations Conference Centre, including advice on optimizing the utilization of the Centre, bearing in mind security constraints, support of legislative meetings and ad hoc intergovernmental meetings, conferences hosted by United Nations partners and member States; internal document reproduction services;

(g) *Conference services*. Provision of editorial, interpretation, translation and text-processing services in the four working languages of ESCAP.

18.109 The Library will deliver outputs in the biennium 2010-2011 that include library and information technology services as well as advisory and training services concerning the information system, which are provided in response to the work programme of the ESCAP secretariat, staff of the United Nations agencies in Bangkok and the public and private sectors.

Table 18.36 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011 (before recosting)*	*2008-2009*	*2010-2011*
Regular budget				
Post	30 513.5	30 318.3	199	196
Non-post	8 327.7	8 103.0	—	—
Subtotal	**38 841.2**	**38 421.3**	**199**	**196**
Extrabudgetary	3 600.0	3 827.0	29	32
Total	**42 441.2**	**42 248.3**	**228**	**228**

18.110 The amount of $38,421,300, reflecting a net decrease of $419,900, comprises: (a) $30,318,300 for the funding of 196 posts (54 Professional, 2 National Officer and 140 Local level), reflecting a decrease of $195,200, due to the outward redeployment of three Local-level posts to other subprogrammes, as detailed below; and (b) $8,103,000 for non-post requirements, reflecting a net decrease of $224,700 for, inter alia, other staff costs, contractual services and other general operating requirements.

18.111 The decrease of $195,200 for post requirements relates to the outward redeployment of three Local-level posts (2 to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, and 1 to subprogramme 7, Statistics) intended to strengthen the research support capacity and thus benefit the secretariat's normative and analytical work in general and that related to disaster risk reduction in particular.

18.112 The net decrease of $224,700 under non-post requirements relates mainly to reductions for one-time provisions approved in 2008-2009 to assist with the initial set-up of the new subregional offices established in the context of General Assembly resolution 63/260, on development-related activities, and general operating requirements resulting from greening initiatives, partly offset by increased requirements for contractual services resulting from the maintenance costs of corporate software purchased in the 2008-2009 biennium.

18.113 During the biennium 2010-2011, projected extrabudgetary resources of $3,827,000 will provide for monitoring and evaluation activities, support to the regional institutions, and for the administration and management of the Tsunami Trust Fund activities. The increase of $227,000, compared to the extrabudgetary estimates for the 2008-2009 biennium, is mainly due to the estimated increase in staff costs of services in support of extrabudgetary activities and an increase in the resources made available to support the regional institutions and the newly established subregional offices.

Table 18.37 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies**

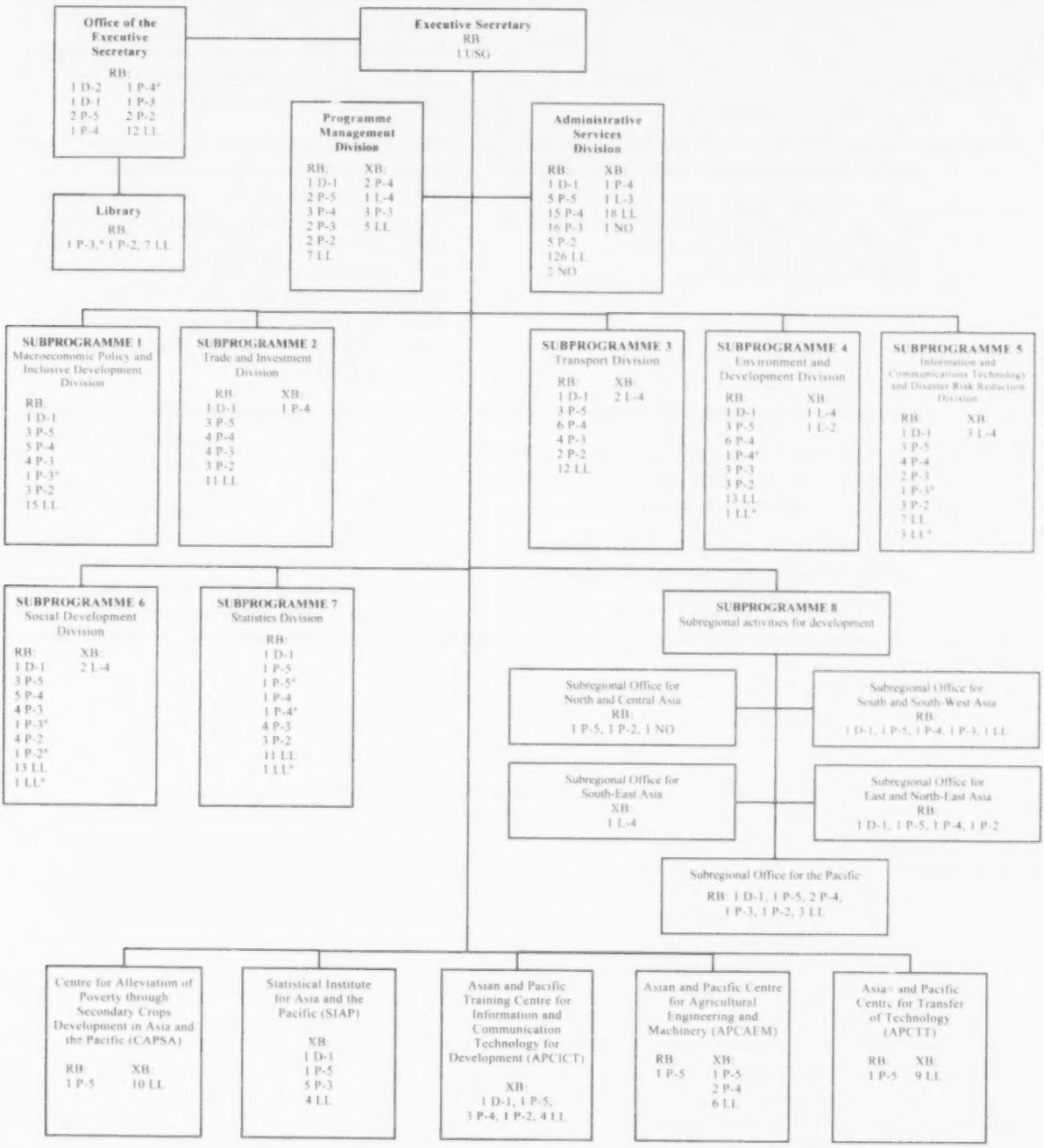
Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7 and Corr.1)	
The Advisory Committee continues to emphasize the importance of reducing the relative weight of administrative support costs compared with the resources allocated to the substantive activities of the programme of work, which benefit the Member States directly. It remains convinced that there is room for further improvements in work processes, eliminating inefficiencies and duplications as well as for generating additional synergies among the regional commissions. It urges the commissions to continue to pursue such efforts vigorously (para. V.3).	During the past four bienniums, the percentage of the programme budget for programme support has decreased from 47.0 per cent in 2002-2003 to 40.6 per cent in the proposed programme budget for 2010-2011. This has been possible through maximizing efficiency gains in the programme support area. In 2004-2005, ESCAP abolished 12 Local-level posts, mainly in the programme support component, and in 2006-2007, 15 Local-level posts were abolished. In 2008-2009, 3 Local-level posts were abolished, amounting to a total reduction of 30 Local-level posts. Resources released have been utilized in the programme of work component. For the 2010-2011 biennium, it is proposed to redeploy 3 Local-level posts from programme support to the programme of work area (2 posts to subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, and 1 post to subprogramme 7, Statistics) to enhance the implementation of services of direct benefit to member States in the area of disaster risk reduction given the increased vulnerability of the Asian and Pacific region to natural disasters. Further, the regional commissions collaborate closely on a number of issues to benefit from and enhance existing synergies. At their most recent meeting, in September 2008, the chiefs of programme planning of the regional commissions agreed to closely coordinate the preparation of the programme budget for 2010-2011 in order to further harmonize processes and structures. In addition, ECE and ESCAP are considering options for the joint implementation of the United Nations Special Programme in Central Asia.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
The Advisory Committee notes that most of the commissions are making steady progress in improving their performance but are still well below the organizational target of 120 days for the completion of recruitments of Professional staff. It encourages the commissions to take action to further reduce the number of days Professional posts remain vacant and to meet the organizational target (para. V.6).	Recognizing that recruitment is a shared responsibility, involving recruiting managers, human resources professionals, other staff serving on interview panels, and members of the central review bodies, a number of parallel initiatives have been undertaken to improve and expedite the recruitment of Professional staff. A process aimed at sensitizing managers to ensure that they play a proactive role in the recruitment process was initiated in 2006, and involves training on the drafting of vacancy announcements, preparation of written tests, the formulation of interview questions, and evaluation of candidates. Meanwhile, nearly all staff members (95 per cent) who regularly participate on interview panels have completed the mandatory competency-based selection and interviewing training. In addition, workshops have been organized to brief members of the central review bodies and programme case officers on their roles and responsibilities in the recruitment process. To further streamline and expedite the recruitment process, the central review bodies at ESCAP have, since August 2006, held virtual (electronic) meetings, which have facilitated and promoted strict adherence to deadlines for review and decision-making.
The Committee acknowledges the need for travel and recognizes that videoconferencing and other electronic means of communications cannot always be substituted. It however recalls its view that the considerable investments made in communications infrastructure should lead to reduced requirements for travel. It also emphasizes that travel should always be justified on the basis of functional requirements and requests that the regional commissions continue to monitor official travel closely (para. V.10).	All requests for official travel by ESCAP staff members are assessed against established criteria, ensuring that only essential travel is undertaken in support of the achievement of expected accomplishments under the programme of work. Official travel is closely monitored and reported to the Executive Secretary on a biannual basis. Every effort is made, when possible, to hold videoconferences and other means of electronic communication in lieu of staff undertaking travel to attend meetings. From 2004 to 2007, the number of videoconferences increased by an average of 29 per cent per year (from 53 in 2004 to 114 in 2007). With the time difference of 12 hours between Bangkok and New York, ESCAP staff

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
	have been attending videoconferences at night as a means of curtailing staff travel. While videoconferencing is possible for some meetings of short duration, it is not possible for videoconferencing to replace staff attendance at other meetings where interactive sessions of longer duration are a requirement. Further, the formulation and implementation of the ESCAP programme of work entails close interaction with member States and other stakeholders. The large geographical area covered by ESCAP and its growing membership of 58 regional members and associate members are factors that also need to be taken into account. To enable ESCAP to effectively carry out its work requires a minimum level of official travel to ensure effective outreach and relevance. It should also be noted that Bangkok, where ESCAP is located, is situated farthest from Headquarters in New York. Many meetings related to ensuring coherence and the unified implementation of administrative, financial management and procurement policies are held in New York and hence the costs of attendance of ESCAP staff at those meetings are relatively higher than for other duty stations.
Report of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (vol. I, chap. II))	
The Board recommends that the Administration develop strategies to reduce the vacancy rates of its conference centres (para. 231).	While the current political and security situation in Thailand continues to have an impact on the utilization of the United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP is implementing a number of measures to improve its utilization, including the relocation of the staff cafeteria to the Centre's dining room, the renovation of the public foyer, and the conversion of some meeting rooms from fixed to flexible furniture to attract more clients. In addition, a cost reimbursement policy for the use of the Centre, aimed at facilitating greater usage by United Nations clients, is under development, and new promotional materials in the form of brochures and DVDs have been produced.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
	A dedicated task force was established in September 2008 to assist in identifying further options for the increased utilization of the United Nations Conference Centre.
The Board recommends that the Administration make the conditions for using the conference centres more flexible, monitor their occupation and develop their commercial management in accordance with the rules set by the Organization (para. 236).	The current guidelines for the use of the United Nations Conference Centre have been established in accordance with advice from the Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Safety and Security. Occupation of the Centre is continuously monitored. Standard operating procedures for the use of the Centre for non-United Nations events are under review, in close collaboration with the Department of Safety and Security.
The Board recommends that the Administration: (a) Carry out a systematic assessment of the equipment for the conference centres in order to plan for its progressive replacement; (b) Examine the suitability of the conference centres and draw up a multi-year equipment renovation plan (para. 239).	The results of a detailed study on requirements for information technology-related and audio-visual equipment forms the basis for a progressive replacement plan. An assessment and feasibility study of the document reproduction and printing facilities is planned for 2009. Further, studies covering other furniture and equipment for the United Nations Conference Centre are being considered.

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2010-2011



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary; USG, Under-Secretary-General; LL, Local level; NO, National Officer.

[a] Inward redeployment.

Annex

Outputs produced in 2008-2009 not to be carried out in the biennium 2010-2011

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Executive direction and management			
18.33 (a) (ii) a.	Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries: plenary sessions (2009)	4	The Commission, by resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of its conference structure, decided to accord higher priority to these special groups of countries and to convene the sessions of the Special Body as an integral part of sessions of the Commission
18.33 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on the least developed and landlocked developing countries	1	Non-recurrent
18.33 (b) (i)	Midterm Review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries	1	Non-recurrent
18.33 (b) (iv)	Press releases disseminated for the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, the Office of the Secretary-General, other United Nations offices and the specialized agencies	2	Output reformulated as "press releases and op-ed articles on the work and activities of ESCAP, and on behalf of United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations entities" to better reflect the work of the United Nations Information Services (see para. 18.34 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.33 (b) (v)	International Day of Peace	2	Output subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "organization of the annual United Nations Day and other observances" (see para. 18.34 (b) (iv) of present document)
Subtotal		**10**	
Subprogramme 1, Poverty and development			
18.37 (a) (i) a.	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: informal meetings on countries with economies in transition (2) (2008, 2009)	2	Pursuant to Commission resolution 64/1, on the restructuring of its conference structure, informal meetings have been discontinued
18.37 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Poverty Reduction: plenary session (8) (4 in 2008, 4 in 2009)	8	The poverty reduction component of the Committee on Poverty Reduction was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development

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18.37 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports of the Committee on Poverty Reduction	2	As above
18.37 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports on achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including pro-poor economic growth and strategies	2	As above
18.37 (a) (iii)	Regional dialogue to review policies for the eradication of poverty and hunger in the region in accordance with the United Nations Millennium Declaration	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (ii)	Innovative sources of financing for infrastructure development	1	Reformulated as " financing for development in Asia and the Pacific" (para. 18.40 (b) (ii) of present document)
18.37 (b) (ii)	Regional trends, issues and practices in urban poverty reduction	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iii)	Fourth session of the World Urban Forum — Nanjing	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iii)	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	2	Output subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "organization of the annual United Nations Day and other observances" (para. 18.34 (a) (iv) of present document)
18.37 (b) (iii)	Launching of the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* in selected member countries of ESCAP and United Nations organizations	2	Output merged with 2010-2011 output, *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* (para. 18.40 (b) (i) of present document)
18.37 (b) (iv)	Background paper to *World Economic Situation and Prospects*	2	Reformulated as "regional inputs to *World Economic Situation and Prospects*" (para. 18.40 (b) (vii) of present document)
18.37 (b) (iv)	Online working papers on emerging issues on poverty reduction: pro-poor water management policies	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iv)	Participatory approaches to rural poverty reduction	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iv)	Promoting access to markets and market information by the rural poor	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iv)	Socio-economic policy briefs, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals	2	Reformulated as "socio-economic policy briefs, including those related to macroeconomic policy and inclusive development" to reflect the priorities of ESCAP (see para. 18.40 (b) (v) of present document)
18.37 (b) (iv)	Urban governance reforms in conflict and post-conflict countries	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (b) (iv)	Urban safety	1	Non-recurrent

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18.37 (b) (iv)	Working paper series on development issues, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals	2	Reformulated as "online working paper series on inclusive development, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals" to reflect the new priorities of ESCAP (see para. 18.40 (b) (v) of present document)
18.37 (b) (v)	Public information materials on the work of the subprogramme (including brochure, folders exhibition materials and flyers about projects)	2	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "public information materials on socio-economic policy and performance of Asia and the Pacific (including press background notes, country notes and presentation materials)" (see para. 18.40 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.37 (c) (i)	In-country seminars on pro-poor policy and analysis, diversification of agriculture and local-level interventions	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Regional seminar on innovative sources of financing for infrastructure development (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Regional seminar on replication and upscaling of good practices in poverty reduction (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Regional workshop on debt management for ensuring macroeconomic stability (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Regional workshop on effective policies and approaches to pro-poor post-conflict recovery (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Subregional/national trainings on rural and urban community development (20 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Workshop on capacity-building for bond market development (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (i)	Workshop to promote access to markets, market information and credit for the rural poor with a gender focus (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Community development initiatives	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Development of modalities for the dissemination of good practices in poverty reduction through regional networks	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Diversifying agriculture, reduction of risk, expanding food security and income in local communities	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Field project: report on the Millennium Development Goals	1	Non-recurrent

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18.37 (c) (ii)	Fiscal policy recommendations for promoting growth and reducing poverty	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Improving access to renewable energy for the poor	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Improving local livelihood through participatory action research in isolated and poor areas	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Improving value added through improvement in marketing and product certification	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Integrated pro-poor water and wastewater management in small towns	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Poverty reduction through rural-urban linkages	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Regional and subregional initiatives in support of promoting development dialogue for achieving the Millennium Development Goals	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Replication of best practices in rural community development	1	Non-recurrent
18.37 (c) (ii)	Transforming local economies: analysis of long-term dynamics in poverty reduction, towards long-term pro-poor policy	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**56**	
Subprogramme 2, Statistics			
18.43 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Poverty Reduction: plenary sessions (4) (2 in 2008, 2 in 2009)	4	The statistics component of the Committee on Poverty Reduction was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Statistics
18.43 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports on issues related to poverty statistics	2	As above
18.43 (b) (ii)	Assessment of the progress made in achieving the Millennium Development Goals	1	Reformulated as "Millennium Development Goals: report for Asia and the Pacific" (see para. 18.79 (b) (ii) of present document)
18.43 (b) (ii)	Regional studies on the availability and quality of development indicators, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals	2	Reformulated as "studies on development indicators that capture aspects specific to countries with special needs, including indicators on the Millennium Development Goals" (see para. 18.79 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.43 (b) (iii)	Statistical appendix to *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*	2	Reformulated as "statistical outputs in support of ESCAP flagship publications (biennially)" (see para. 18.79 (b) (iv) of present document)

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18.43 (b) (ii)	Web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to targeted training courses, seminars and workshops	1	Reformulated as "web-based knowledge-sharing facilities related to regional technical cooperation projects, seminars and workshops developed by ESCAP Statistics Division" (see para. 18.79 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.43 (c) (i)	Regional/subregional seminar/workshops on the implementation of global guidelines for the population and housing census (35 participants)	1	Reformulated as "regional and subregional seminar and workshops on the development and implementation of international statistical standards and guidelines for population and housing censuses and household surveys (35 participants)" (see para. 18.79 (c) of present document)
18.43 (c) (i)	Regional/subregional workshops on best practices in applying ICT for the population and housing census (35 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.43 (c) (i)	Regional/subregional workshops on implementation of new socio-economic classifications and economic frameworks (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.43 (c) (i)	Regional/subregional workshops/training courses on improvement of disability measurement and statistics in support of the Biwako Millennium Framework and Regional Census Programme (80 participants)	1	Incorporated into 2010-2011 output, "regional and subregional training courses, workshops and seminars on social statistics, including poverty statistics, gender statistics, health and disability statistics and statistics on migration (200 participants)" (see para. 18.79 (c) of present document)
18.43 (c) (ii)	Country pilot tests of disability question sets based on International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**17**	
Subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island countries and territories			
18.48 (a) (ii) a.	Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries and Territories: plenary sessions (4) (2008)	4	The Commission, by resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of its conference structure, decided to accord higher priority to this special group of countries and to convene the sessions of the Special Body as an integral part of the sessions of the Commission
18.48 (a) (ii) b.	Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries: report of the Special Body (2008)	1	As above
18.48 (a) (ii) b.	Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries: report on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2008)	1	As above

A/62/6, paragraph	Output	Quantity	Reason for discontinuation
18.48 (a) (iii)	Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports of the working group of the Advisory Council for the Pacific Island Developing Countries and Territories	2	Pursuant to Commission resolution 64/1, on the restructuring of its conference structure, the Advisory Council has been phased out
18.48 (a) (iv)	Assistance to representatives, rapporteurs: Advisory Council for the Pacific Island Developing Countries and Territories	2	As above
18.48 (b) (i)	*Economic and Social Survey for the Pacific*	2	Reformulated as "*Pacific Perspectives*" (para. 18.86 (b) (i) of present document) in order to convert the publication into one with stronger analysis, presenting expert views on the challenges faced by countries and territories in the Pacific, as well as on the economic, environmental and social impact of these challenges and ways in which to address them
18.48 (b) (ii)	*Policy Guide for the Pacific Island Region on Sound Sustainable Development Policy*	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (b) (iii)	Training material on income and employment generation for vulnerable groups, with a particular emphasis on youth employment	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (c) (i)	Advisory service to build capacity and know-how among Pacific island Governments, particularly the least developed countries, to implement sound sustainable development policy, with a particular focus on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the Pacific island region	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (c) (i)	Advisory service to build capacity and know-how among Pacific island Governments, particularly the least developed countries, on implementing good practices in income and employment generation for vulnerable groups, with a particular emphasis on youth employment	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (c) (ii)	Subregional workshop on sharing experiences between Asian and Pacific countries to improve income and employment opportunities for vulnerable groups (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent

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18.48 (c) (ii)	Subregional workshop to review the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in the Pacific island region (40 participants)	1	Reformulated as "regional review of the progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs" (para. 18.86 (a) (i) b. of present document)
18.48 (c) (iii)	Development of gender measures and indicators on the status of women in Pacific small island developing States	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (c) (iii)	Development of national coordination mechanisms for disabled persons	1	Non-recurrent
18.48 (c) (iii)	Establishment of a Pacific island knowledge e-centre on economic and social policy development and implementation	1	Reformulated as "Pacific island knowledge e-centre on economic and social policy development and programme implementation" (see para. 18.86 (c) of present document)
18.48 (c) (iii)	Pacific island regional youth employment project	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**22**	
Subprogramme 4, Trade and investment			
18.53 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part I): plenary sessions (6) (3 in 2008, 3 in 2009)	6	The trade and investment component of the Committee on Managing Globalization was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Trade and Investment
18.53 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part I): reports on issues related to trade and investment	2	As above
18.53 (a) (iii)	Ad hoc expert group on promoting trade facilitation collaboration among the subregions	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on enhancing a global partnership for development through enhanced regional trade and investment relations	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	*Good practices in Environment-Friendly Agribusiness Development for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Asian and Pacific region*	1	Non-recurrent

A/62/6, paragraph	Output	Quantity	Reason for discontinuation
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: analysing, monitoring and benchmarking trade and investment aspects of regionalism in Asia and the Pacific	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: best practices for integrating corporate social responsibility into business strategies	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: impact of global value chains on the development of small and medium-sized enterprises	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: impact of trade facilitation mechanisms on export competitiveness: a regional perspective	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: trade investment and financial integration: linkages and opportunities	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: trading in a secure environment	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on trade and investment: trends and prospects for the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises in Asia and the Pacific	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (iv)	Asia-Pacific trade and investment agreements database	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "ESCAP web page on trade and investment (http://www.unescap.org/tid)" (see para. 18.46 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.53 (b) (iv)	Directory of trade and investment-related organizations of developing countries and areas of Asia and the Pacific	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (iii)	Guide on activities and expertise of the Trade and Investment Division: past, present and future	1	Reformulated as "ESCAP activities in trade and investment: past, present and future (1)" (para. 18.46 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.53 (b) (iv)	Internet database on managing globalization: updates on the trade information service gateway (http://www.unescap.org/tid/tisgway.asp)	2	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "ESCAP web page on trade and investment (http://www.unescap.org/tid)" (para. 18.46 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.53 (b) (iv)	Repository of trade facilitation knowledge	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (iv)	Research, comparative analysis and benchmarking in respect of regional trade agreements in the Asia and Pacific region	1	Non-recurrent

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
18.53 (b) (iv)	Research and analysis on trade efficiency and trade security	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (iv)	Research and analysis on trade facilitation and the World Trade Organization (WTO)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (b) (iv)	Trade and transport facilitation database	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "update of trade and investment database: activity management system" (see para. 18.46 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.53 (b) (iv)	Traders' manual for landlocked countries in the Asian and Pacific region (electronic version)	2	The current version of the manual will remain relevant through the biennium 2010-2011 and hence there is no need for a revised version
18.53 (b) (iv)	Web-based resource corner on training material related to WTO and the creation of an open network for trainers on WTO issues	2	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (i)	Advisory service on trade agreements, including the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (i)	Advisory service on trade efficiency and implementation of trade facilitation tools	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (i)	Briefing and training on policy and programme design in business environment improvement and investment promotion and facilitation	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Dissemination of technology on agricultural engineering, food chain management and rural enterprise development (100 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Public-private sector dialogue on trade efficiency (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Subregional workshops/seminars on building export capacity in the service industry (50 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Subregional workshops/seminars on supply-side capacity-building and the creation of an enabling environment for trade and investment (150 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Workshop on trade facilitation and WTO (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Workshop on trade in a secure environment (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (ii)	Workshops/seminars on capacity-building in science, technology and innovation support policy for small and medium-sized enterprises (50 participants)	1	Non-recurrent

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18.53 (c) (iii)	Agricultural engineering and machinery, post-harvest management and technology for sustainable agricultural and economic development, and agrobiotechnology-based ("green") enterprise development for sustainable rural livelihoods and economic growth	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (iii)	ESCAP/European Commission project on enhancing the capacity of members, especially the least developed countries and landlocked developing countries, to accede to WTO and to implement accession commitments	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (iii)	ESCAP/Government of Macao project on building capacity for trade policy reforms and the emerging WTO agenda	1	Non-recurrent
18.53 (c) (iii)	Support for regional achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in strengthening the global partnership for trade (regional report and technical background paper)	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**46**	
Subprogramme 5, Transport and tourism			
18.58 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part I): plenary sessions (6) (3 in 2008, 3 in 2009)	6	The transport infrastructure and facilitation component of the Committee on Managing Globalization was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Transport
18.58 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part I): reports of the Committee	2	As above
18.58 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part I): reports on major issues related to transport and tourism	2	As above
18.58 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on identification, prioritization and mobilization of funding for transport infrastructure projects	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on regional sharing of experiences and resources concerning road safety	1	Reformulated as "expert group meeting on progress made in road safety improvement in Asia and the Pacific" (see para. 18.53 (a) (iv) of present document)
18.58 (b) (i)	*Tourism Review*	1	In line with the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, ESCAP work in the area of tourism has been discontinued
18.58 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on managing globalization: intermodal transport infrastructure: priority projects and investment requirements	1	Reformulated as "capacity and investment requirement of intermodal transport infrastructure" (see para. 18.53 (b) (iii) of present document)

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18.58 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on managing globalization: policy framework for the development of an integrated transport system in the ESCAP region	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Guidebook on public-private partnership projects	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Guidelines on integrated assessment of transport policy and programmes	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Logistics and regional cooperation	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Statistical abstract of transport in the Asia-Pacific region	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Transit transport route analysis	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (b) (iii)	Updating of the Asia-Pacific road accident database	2	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "collection and dissemination of road safety statistics" (see para. 18.53 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.58 (b) (iii)	Updating training material on multimodal transport	1	Reformulated as "updating of training material on multimodal transport and logistics" (see para. 18.53 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.58 (b) (iii)	Web-based training materials on public-private partnership projects	1	Reformulated as "updating of web-based training materials on public-private partnerships" (see para. 18.53 (b) (iii) of present document)
18.58 (c) (i)	Advisory service on capacity-building in multimodal transport and logistics	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (i)	Advisory services on transport policy, planning and development, and tourism	1	In line with the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, ESCAP work in the area of tourism has been discontinued
18.58 (c) (ii)	Meeting to promote regional cooperation in the maintenance of transport infrastructure (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (ii)	Meeting to strengthen national capacity to improve the efficiency of international transport and logistics (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (ii)	Meetings to negotiate the Shanghai Cooperation Organization facilitation agreement (60 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (ii)	Meetings to promote regional cooperation in tourism (100 participants)	1	In line with the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, ESCAP work in the area of tourism has been discontinued
18.58 (c) (ii)	Seminar on the integrated assessment of transport policy and programmes (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (ii)	Seminar on logistics and regional cooperation (30 participants)	1	Non-recurrent

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18.58 (c) (ii)	Seminars on strengthening national capabilities in the sound and sustainable development of tourism (100 participants)	1	In line with the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, ESCAP work in the area of tourism has been discontinued
18.58 (c) (ii)	Training courses for public officials on infrastructure development through public-private partnerships (50 participants)	1	Reformulated as "web-based training of public officials on infrastructure development through public-private partnerships" (see para. 18.53 (c) (i) of present document)
18.58 (c) (ii)	Training on legal frameworks for transport facilitation (50 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (ii)	Training on national transport facilitation coordination mechanisms (50 participants)	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "training courses on transport facilitation, multimodal transport and logistics (50 participants)" (see para. 18.53 (c) (i) of present document)
18.58 (c) (ii)	Transport policy, planning and facilitation (50 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.58 (c) (iii)	Technical cooperation project on improving road safety in the region	1	Reformulated as "technical cooperation project on the improvement of roads and road safety" (see para. 18.53 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.58 (c) (iii)	Technical cooperation project on providing infrastructure services through public-private partnerships: enhancing the role of transport and tourism in poverty reduction	1	In line with the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011, ESCAP work in the area of tourism has been discontinued
18.58 (c) (iii)	Technical cooperation project on South-South cooperation in tourism	1	As above
18.58 (c) (iii)	Technical cooperation project on transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container-block trains	1	Reformulated as "technical cooperation project on transit transport for landlocked and transit developing countries, including demonstration runs of container-block trains and truck caravans" (see para. 18.53 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.58 (c) (iii)	Technical cooperation project on transport and logistics development, including the Asian Highway, Trans-Asian Railway and intermodal interfaces	1	Reformulated as "technical cooperation project on transport and logistics, including the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway" (see para. 18.53 (c) (ii) of present document)
Subtotal		**42**	

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Subprogramme 6, Environment and sustainable development			
18.63 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part II): plenary sessions (6) (3 in 2008, 3 in 2009)	6	The environment and sustainable development component of the committee on managing globalization was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Environment and Development
18.63 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part II): reports of the Committee	2	As above
18.63 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part II): reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development	2	As above
18.63 (a) (iv)	Expert group meeting on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (a) (iv)	Expert group meeting to review the state of environmental sustainability and innovative socio-economic policy in preparation of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (b) (i)	Water resources series: *Policy Options and Strategies for Effective Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action in Asia and the Pacific*	1	The production of hard copies will be replaced with the electronic issuance of guidelines (see para. 18.59 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.63 (b) (ii)	*Climate Change Action in Asia and the Pacific — Partnership towards beyond-Kyoto*	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (b) (ii)	*Guidelines on Water Resources Management: Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management Plans in Asia and the Pacific*	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (b) (ii)	*Innovative Socio-economic Policy for Improving Environmental Performance*	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (i)	Advisory service on green-growth policy issues	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (i)	Advisory service on integrated water resources management and disaster risk management	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (ii)	Disaster risk management (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent

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18.63 (c) (ii)	Group training on gender-responsive energy policies for equitable access to energy services, energy efficiency, cleaner production and enhanced utilization of renewable energy, management and use of energy resources (120 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (ii)	Training workshops on the integration of environmental considerations into social and economic development and improvement of environmental performance (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (ii)	Workshop on integrated water resources management (30 participants)	1	Reformulated as "workshop on integrated water resources management, including good practices in regard to water supply, sanitation and transboundary water management and their gender dimensions (40 participants)" (see para. 18.59 (c) (i) of present document)
18.63 (c) (ii)	Workshops on the North-East Asia Subregional Programme for Environmental Cooperation (40 participants)	1	Merged with 2010-2011 output, "subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific for promoting environmental sustainability (encompassing NEASPEC)" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iii)	South-South Cooperation to facilitate the exchange of information and experience on energy for sustainable development policies and transfer of technologies	1	Non-recurrent
18.63 (c) (iv)	Establishment of multi-hazard early warning systems for tsunamis and other natural disasters in the region	1	Reformulated as specific outputs, namely, one expert group meeting on comprehensive multi-hazard management and early warning, including at the community level in Asia and the Pacific and several technical materials, including a working paper series on socio-economic aspects of disaster and related policy practices for multi-hazard risk reduction (see, respectively, paras. 18.66 (a) (iv) and 18.66 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Implementation of integrated water resources management plans: strengthening regional partnerships through the Asia-Pacific Water Forum	1	Reformulated as "application of guidelines for eco-efficient water infrastructure development" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Regional cooperation and strategy on climate change	1	Reformulated as "regional cooperation on climate change" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
18.63 (c) (iv)	Strengthening regional partnerships on the greening of the economic growth in Asia and the Pacific	1	Reformulated as "strengthening regional partnerships on the greening of economic growth in Asia and the Pacific, including the promotion of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Subregional environmental cooperation for promoting environmental sustainability in the Asian and Pacific region	1	Reformulated as "subregional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific for promoting environmental sustainability (encompassing NEASPEC)" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, including the establishment of multi-hazard early warning systems: midterm review and implementation	1	Focus has been sharpened and output reformulated as "space applications for development and disaster management" (see para. 18.66 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, second cycle: integration of urban environmental quality improvement and promotion of local economic livelihood	1	Reformulated as "Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment" (see para. 18.59 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.63 (c) (iv)	Transboundary energy cooperation and access to energy services	1	Reformulated as specific 2010-2011 outputs, including the technical cooperation output, "facilitation of transboundary energy cooperation and security at the subregional and regional levels (encompassing NEASPEC)" (see para. 18.59 (c) (i) of present document)
Subtotal		**32**	
Subprogramme 7, Information, communication and space technology			
18.70 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part II): plenary sessions (6) (3 in 2008, 3 in 2009)	6	The information, communication and space technology component of the Committee on Managing Globalization was assigned by the Commission, under resolution 64/1, to the newly established Committee on Information and Communications Technology
18.70 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Managing Globalization (part II): reports related to cross-cutting issues on information, communication and space technology	2	As above
18.70 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on assessing the impact of ICT applications on the Millennium Development Goals	1	Non-recurrent

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18.70 (a) (iii)	Expert group meeting on regional cooperation in creating an enabling policy environment for building the inclusive and people-oriented information society	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (a) (iii)	High-level expert group meeting for assessing the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (a) (iv)	Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development	2	Reformulated as "Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme" (see para. 18.66 (b) (v) of present document)
18.70 (b) (i)	*Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (6 issues in 2008, 6 issues in 2009)	12	Output subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology website (http://www.apctt.org) and web-based resource material on technology transfer, national innovation systems and grass-roots innovations, including *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (regular updating)" (see para. 18.46 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.70 (b) (ii)	*Regional Cooperation in Creating an Enabling Policy Environment for Building the Inclusive and People-oriented Information Society*	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iii)	Directory on green grass-roots innovation and traditional knowledge	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Compilation of "good practices" in specific ICT applications	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Guidebook on managing innovation in a knowledge economy	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Guidebook on technologies for disaster preparedness and mitigation	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Guidebook on technology transfer mechanisms	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Guidelines on building a knowledge network	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Guidelines on e-applications	1	Non-recurrent
Carried forward from 2004-2005 biennium[a]	Regional database of regulations, policies and legal frameworks related to information, communication and space technology	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Research and analytical studies on ICT policies and strategies to promote sustainable development	1	Non-recurrent
Carried forward from 2006-2007 biennium[b]	Research and analytical studies on ICT policies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals	1	Non-recurrent

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on best practices in formulation and implementation of ICT policies and strategies for sustainable development, including public policy issues of Internet governance	2	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on compilation and development of ICT indicators and e-readiness assessments	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on compilation of good practices in human resources development programmes and methods	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on e-applications	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on integration of ICT policies and strategies in the overall development framework	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Technical paper on measuring ICT for development and building of the information society	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (iv)	Training manual on integration of ICT strategies and policies in the overall development framework	1	Non-recurrent
Carried forward from 2006-2007 biennium[b]	Training manual on policy, strategies and regulatory frameworks on ICT for poverty reduction	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (b) (v)	Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology website (http://www.apctt.org) (continuous updating)	2	Output subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology website (http://www.apctt.org) and web-based resource material on technology transfer, national innovation systems and grass-roots innovations, including *Asia-Pacific Tech Monitor* (regular updating)" (see para. 18.46 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.70 (b) (v)	Business Asia Network website (http://www.business-asia.net/) (continuous updating)	2	As above
18.70 (c) (i)	Advisory service on human resources development programmes	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (i)	Advisory service on technical, policy and institutional issues related to effective use of space technology for development and disaster reduction	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (i)	Advisory service on technology transfer mechanisms for small and medium-sized enterprises, including networking and best practices of national innovation systems	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Development of ICT policymaking capabilities (160 participants)	1	Non-recurrent

A/62/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
18.70 (c) (ii)	Enhancement of ICT project management capabilities (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Meetings of regional working groups on major space application sectors (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional forum on best practices in creating an enabling ICT policy environment for building the information society (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional workshops on information, communication and space technology applications, including e-government and e-business, for development (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional workshops on regional cooperative mechanisms for space applications (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional/global forum on creating an enabling ICT policy environment for sustainable development (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional/global forum on measuring ICT for development and building of the information society (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Regional/subregional workshops to share knowledge and experience and to establish knowledge networks (40 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (ii)	Training programme for the development of ICT trainers (80 participants)	1	Non-recurrent
18.70 (c) (iii)	Long-term fellowships on space technology applications (1 fellowship programme with 5 participants each year)	1	Non-recurrent. To be delivered under the regular programme of technical cooperation (sect. 22), in response to requests from member Governments
18.70 (c) (iii)	Midterm fellowships on space technology applications (1 fellowship programme with 5 participants each year)	1	As above
18.70 (c) (iv)	Dissemination of green grass-roots innovations (40 participants)	1	Reformulated as "commercialization of grass-roots innovations in Asia and the Pacific" (see para. 18.46 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.70 (c) (iv)	National workshops on the promotion of national innovation systems	1	Reformulated as "promotion of national innovation systems in Asia and the Pacific, including its gender dimensions" (see para. 18.46 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.70 (c) (iv)	Empowering the rural area through community e-centres	1	Non-recurrent

A/62/6, paragraph	Output	Quantity	Reason for discontinuation
18.70 (c) (iv)	Regional technical cooperation projects on space technology applications for development and disaster reduction	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**68**	
Subprogramme 8, Social development, including persistent and emerging issues			
18.75 (a) (ii) a.	Committee on Emerging Social Issues: plenary sessions (6) (3 in 2008, 3 in 2009)	6	The Committee on Emerging Social Issues was discontinued by the Commission under resolution 64/1 and replaced with the Committee on Social Development
18.75 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Emerging Social Issues: reports of the Committee	2	As above
18.75 (a) (ii) b.	Committee on Emerging Social Issues: reports on emerging social issues	2	As above
18.75 (a) (iii)	High-level intergovernmental meeting to review progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: plenary sessions (6) (2009)	6	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (iv)	High-level intergovernmental meeting to review progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: report on the status of women in the Asia-Pacific region	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (iv)	High-level intergovernmental meeting to review progress made on implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: report on the status of women in the Asia-Pacific region: proceedings of the meeting	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on assessing progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on regional follow-up to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference Plan of Action	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on regional follow-up to the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on strengthening of health systems for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	1	Reformulated as ad hoc expert group on "regional review of the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific" (see para. 18.73 (a) (iii) of present document)

A/62/6, paragraph	Output	Quantity	Reason for discontinuation
18.75 (a) (v)	Expert group meeting on using the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women as a tool to achieve gender equality	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output on various ad hoc expert groups (see para. 18.73 (a) (iii) of present document)
18.75 (b) (ii)	Monograph series on gender and development in the ESCAP region	2	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (ii)	Policies to promote innovative approaches for the delivery of social services to the poor	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (iii)	*Population Headliners*	2	Extrabudgetary funding discontinued
18.75 (b) (iv)	Promotional events on the social integration of vulnerable groups (disability, ageing, family and youth)	2	Reformulated as "promotional events on social issues" (see para. 18.73 (b) (iv) of present document)
18.75 (b) (v)	Discussion papers on integrating health concerns into diverse development sectors	2	Replaced with e-working paper series on social development (see para. 18.73 (b) (v) of present document)
18.75 (b) (v)	Discussion papers on pertinent issues concerning health systems development	2	As above
18.75 (b) (v)	Information materials on disability	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (v)	Information materials on older persons	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (v)	Information materials on women and development	2	Reformulated as "information materials on gender and development" (see para. 18.73 (b) (iii) of present document
18.75 (b) (v)	Information materials on youth or family	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (v)	Knowledge-sharing and management for advocacy and policy support for social development	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (b) (v)	Population databases	2	Reformulated as "database on social development policies and good practices (updated biannually)" (see para. 18.73 (b) (v) of present document)
18.75 (c) (i)	Advisory service on integrating social dimensions into diverse development sectors (Biwako Plus Five, World Summit for Social Development)	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (i)	Advisory service on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asian and Pacific region	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (ii)	Seminar on review of regional implementation of the Declaration on HIV/AIDS	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (ii)	Training workshop on the integration of population variables into development planning	1	Subsumed under various 2010-2011 outputs on regional and subregional workshops on social statistics (see para. 18.73 (c) (i) of present document)

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18.75 (c) (iii)	Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities	1	Reformulated as "capacity-building projects on follow-up to the Biwako Millennium Framework" (see para. 18.73 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.75 (c) (iii)	Building capacity to adopt and implement the Yokohama Global Commitment 2001 to combat commercial sexual exploitation of children	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the ESCAP region	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, "implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: regional and global outcomes" (see para. 18.73 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.75 (c) (iii)	Incorporating gender dimensions in implementation of the outcomes of major regional and global conferences	1	As above
18.75 (c) (iii)	Information and communications technology for empowerment of vulnerable groups	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Natural disasters and vulnerable groups	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Population, development and poverty: follow-up to the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference	1	Will be continued under 2010-2011 output, "population dynamics and its interlinkages with poverty and development" which has a broader theme (see para. 18.73 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.75 (c) (iii)	Promoting sustainable social protection strategies to improve access to health care in the greater Mekong subregion	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Promoting sustainable strategies to develop and improve universal access to basic health care in the Asia-Pacific region	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Reducing drug use and delinquency among youth in the greater Mekong subregion	1	Non-recurrent
18.75 (c) (iii)	Regional follow-up to the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Millennium Development Goals	1	Subsumed under 2010-2011 output, on the broader theme, "achievements and challenges in advancing the agenda of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the context of Asia and the Pacific" (see para. 18.73 (c) (ii) of present document)
18.75 (c) (iii)	Strengthening life skills for positive youth health behaviour	1	Non-recurrent

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18.75 (c) (iii)	Strengthening social integration, social services, youth development and family protection in the region	1	Non-recurrent
Subtotal		**60**	
Total		**353**	

[a] See A/58/6 (Sect. 19), para. 19.52 (b) (iii).
[b] See A/60/6 (Sect. 18), para. 18.64 (b) (iv).